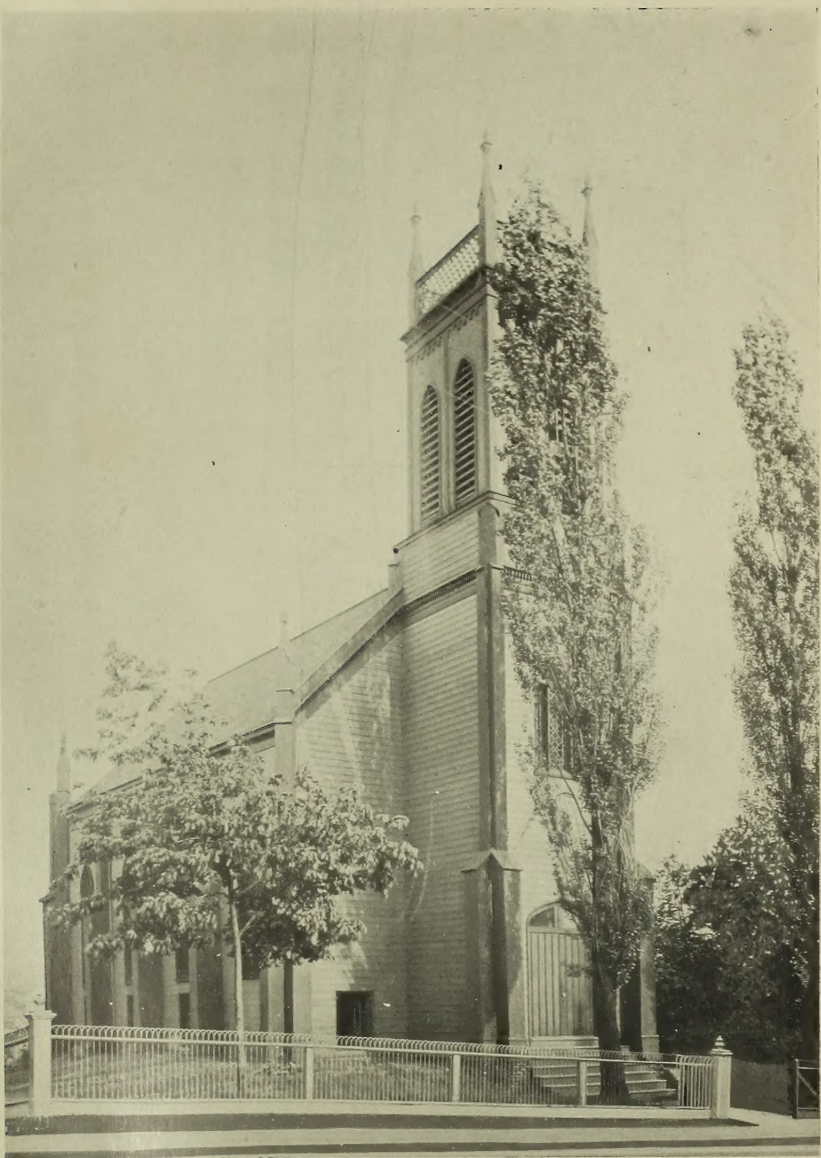


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GRACE CHURCH, BUILT 1853.

A HISTORY
OF
GRACE CHURCH PARISH,
MOUNT WASHINGTON,
PITTSBURGH, PA.



WITH LIST OF PARISHIONERS, VESTRYMEN, BAP-
TISMS, CONFIRMATIONS, MARRIAGES,
BURIALS, ET CETERA,

BY

REV. ROBERT JOHN COSTER, D. D.,
RECTOR.



INCLUDING, ALSO, A SKETCH OF THE EARLY
HISTORY OF THE PARISH,

BY

HON. THOMAS J. BIGHAM,
LATE SENIOR WARDEN.

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PREFACE.

The men and women who took part in the founding of Grace Church have nearly all passed away. Soon there will be no one living who was present at the laying of the corner stone in April, 1852, or at the first opening of the church for divine service in September, 1853.

We wish to perpetuate the memory of the deeds of those whose faith and zeal, whose loving sacrifices and labors established and built up the church, the ministrations and privileges of which the present generation of the people of Mount Washington are now enjoying; therefore, we have at some pains gathered such facts concerning the origin of the church as are now accessible, and such reminiscences of its early history as the imperfect records give, and such other facts as the memories of those yet living, who were cognizant of the events, can supply.

We are particularly indebted to the Hon. Thomas J. Bigham, long the senior warden of the parish, for an interesting account of its early history. This history, prepared at the request of the Rector and Vestry, a few years before his death, will form an important part of the work. This, however, we may say, is only one of Mr. Bigham's minor services of the parish; for, indeed, it was chiefly through his efforts and gifts, and those of his generous and devout wife, that the parish was organized and the church building erected. Others, indeed, as the history will show, helped in the work; but it was altogether due to the influence and solicitations of Mr. and Mrs. Bigham, in those early days, that help from other sources was forthcoming. Mrs. Bigham gave the ground on which the church stands, and she and her husband gave more than two-thirds of the three thousand dollars which the church originally cost. They both maintained their deep interest in the church to the end of their life. The writer knows

well how much they loved the church, and how they valued its ministrations and gave freely to its support.

There are several other families which, although not among the originators of the church, were its constant attendants and supporters from a very early period in its history. Among these families the Goldthorps, the Bratts, the Halpins, the McMillins, the Shalers, the Bonds, the Goldings and the Torrences are to be mentioned.

The faithful workers and the devout supporters of the Church of Christ deserve to be held in loving remembrance, and if this little work shall keep from oblivion the names of a few of these faithful ones, it will have served a worthy purpose, and the compiler will be amply rewarded for the time and labor devoted to its preparation.

ROBERT JOHN COSTER,

Rector.

BISHOP BOWMAN INSTITUTE,
Pittsburgh, October 10, 1903.

A HISTORY OF GRACE CHURCH PARISH.

LOCATION.

MOUNT WASHINGTON, NOW THIRTY-SECOND WARD,
PITTSBURGH.

The district lying south of the Monongahela River, on the top of the high bluff rising four hundred feet above the lower part of the city, directly opposite to old Fort Duquesne, is known as Mount Washington (originally Coal Hill). As late as thirty years ago the only means of access to this district was a road starting from the south end of Smithfield Street Bridge and winding around the side of the hill, following a ravine, until it reached the top, where it led into the old Washington Road. In this district the descendants and heirs of Major Abraham Kirkpatrick were large landholders, among whom was Maria L. Lewis, afterwards Mrs. Thomas J. Bigham. Soon after her marriage her husband built a commodious brick residence on her land, and the family went to live on Mount Washington. The population at that time was small and there was no church in the district which now forms the Thirty-second Ward of Pittsburgh. As soon as they were settled in their new home Mr. and Mrs. Bigham opened a Sunday School for the children of the hill, and at once began to form plans for establishing a church in the neighborhood. At first they obtained the use of the public school building for holding the Sunday School, and afterward services were held there until the church was built, in 1853.

The inaccessibility of this district and the rough and at times muddy condition of the streets retarded the growth of the population for some years; but when, in 1872, the Monongahela Incline Plane, near the south end of the Smithfield Street Bridge, was opened for travel, and a little later the Duquesne

Incline, opposite the Point, the growth of the population became very rapid. Then improved board walks followed, and later paved streets, which rendered it a much more desirable place of residence. But during the time when the church was first organized, and for twenty years afterward, it was a region almost unknown in the city and was visited only by those whose interests or duty led them to climb the steep hill.

ORGANIZATION OF THE PARISH.

OCTOBER 22, 1851.

Grace Church was organized and its articles of association were adopted at a meeting held in the public school building, on the corner of Sycamore and Spring (now Stanwix) Streets, on October 22, 1851, under the chairmanship of the Rev. William H. Paddock, missionary of the diocese in Western Pennsylvania. The following vestry was elected: Thomas J. Bigham, Senior Warden; Alexander Rowland, Junior Warden; George Lowen, William Adams, Richard Stubbs, Benjamin White, and A. Kirk Lewis. Among those present at the organization of the parish were Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bigham, Mr. and Mrs. William Adams, A. Kirk Lewis, Andrew Rowland, Misses Augusta and Lucy Shaler (daughters of Judge Shaler), Mr. Richard Stubbs, Mr. and Mrs. David Reese, Miss Anna M. Golding and George Lowen. It is to be regretted that the record does not contain a full list of those present, as it is impossible now to supply the deficiency.

The first meeting of the new parish for divine service was held in the same schoolhouse, on the evening of the fourth Sunday after Epiphany, February 1, 1852, by the Rev. Joseph A. Stone, who then entered upon duty as minister of the parish.

LAYING THE CORNER STONE.

APRIL 3, 1851.

The corner stone of Grace Church was laid on the corner of Bertha and Sycamore Streets, with appropriate services, by the Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, on April 3, 1852, in the presence of a number of the clergy of the city and



INTERIOR OF GRACE CHURCH, 1903.

a large assembly of the laity. There were present at this service, among others, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Bigham, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kirk Lewis, Miss Sarah Orth, Mrs. Golding, Miss Anna Golding (later Mrs. W. L. Bond), Mrs. T. H. Golding, Mr. and Mrs. George Lowen, Mr. and Mrs. William Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stubbs, Mr. and Mrs. David Reese (father and mother of Mrs. Mary E. Torrence), Mr. and Mrs. Price, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Leslie, Miss Emily Neely, Mr. Eaton and Mr. Felix R. Brunot.

Bishop Potter was assisted in the service by the Rev. Joseph A. Stone, the rector, and the Rev. William H. Paddock, missionary. The singing for the occasion was led by Miss Emily Neely.

CHARTER OBTAINED.

APRIL 26, 1852.

The parish was chartered by the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and the charter of incorporation ordered to be recorded in the office for recording deeds in the said county on April 26, 1852. (See charter.)

ADMITTED TO CONVENTION.

MAY 20, 1852.

The charter of the new parish was laid before the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania which met in Philadelphia in May, 1852, and on the third day of the session, May 20, 1852, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Buchanan, of the Committee on Charters, the parish was duly admitted into union with the convention.

OPENING THE NEW CHURCH.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1853.

The church building was completed, and opened for divine service on the afternoon of Sunday, September 18, 1853, when, after evening prayer by the rector, Rev. John G. Furey, the Rev. E. N. Cornwall, Rector of St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh, preached the sermon, from Psalm lxxii, 16: "There shall be an heap of corn in the earth high upon the hills; the fruit shall shake like Lebanon: and shall be green in the city like grass upon the earth."

In the evening of the same day divine service was again held, and after the reading of the service by the Rector, the Rev. Samuel Randall preached from Ephesians iv, 21: "As the truth is in Jesus."

Large congregations attended these services, and it was a day of great rejoicing for the members of the new parish.

COST OF CHURCH AND LOT

AS RECORDED IN THE PARISH REGISTER.

Lot, 84 by 200 feet.....	\$500.00
Church building (contract price).....	2,000.00
Extra work, etc.....	356.00
Stained-glass windows (Rhodes and Nelson)	103.00
Fence for lot and painting same.....	95.00
Bell, from Fulton Foundry.....	40.00
Stoves and fixtures.....	23.00

Total..... \$3,117.00

Paid by the following contributions:

Proceeds of a picnic.....	\$273.00
A. Kirk Lewis.....	350.00
Richard Cowan.....	50.00
William Holmes.....	50.00
Hon. Charles Shaler.....	25.00
Mrs. Eliza Loomis.....	25.00
Sundry small contributions to pay for fence	60.00
Andrew Fulton, cost of bell.....	40.00
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Bigham.....	2,224.00

Total..... \$3,117.00

RECTORS.

THEIR PERIODS OF SERVICE AND OTHER FACTS OF INTEREST.

1. REV. JOSEPH A. STONE, entered upon duty and held the first service after the parish had been organized, in the evening of the fourth Sunday after Epiphany, February 1, 1852. He officiated regularly every Sunday evening, and every other Sunday morning thereafter.

He reports that the parish had a successful and flourishing Sunday School, established several years prior to this time by an active and devoted lady of the parish, the sessions of which were held every Sunday afternoon.

After a rectorship of one year and one month, he resigned, on the third Sunday in Lent, February 1, 1853.

2. REV. JOHN G. FUREY, the second rector of the parish, entered upon duty June 1, 1853, and after a rectorship of nine months resigned March 1, 1854.

No report of his work seems to have been made to the Convention in 1854. The important event during his short connection with the parish was the opening of the new church for divine service on the afternoon of Sunday, September 18, 1853. Up to this time services had been held in the schoolhouse mentioned above, where there were no appliances for a proper rendering of the service. This change gave to the young parish a permanent center for church work, and assured the continued growth and influence of the parish in the community.

3. REV. RICHARD SMITH, the third rector of the parish, began duty the Sunday after Easter, April 23, 1854. After serving the parish two years, he resigned April 24, 1856, in consequence of increasing age and general debility. He had, in connection with his work on Mount Washington, the work at St. Luke's, Chartiers, between which two places he divided his time. In his report to the Convention in May, 1856, he says: "I have labored during the past year in my two parishes as often as circumstances would allow. The congregations have steadily improved, especially the one on Mount Washington, where there is a good Sunday School, well attended." In the previous year he reported 12 teachers and 85 scholars as belonging to the Sunday School.

Owing to his age and the inaccessibility of the church from the city, Mr. Smith was often absent in the winter time, but the church was not closed, as Mr. T. J. Bigham on such occasions read the service, and thus prevented the disappointment of the small gathering of worshippers.

VACANCY IN THE RECTORSHIP.

After the resignation of the Rev. Richard Smith, there was a period of seven months in which there was no rector. Lay services were held by Mr. T. J. Bigham, the senior warden, with an occasional service by the Rev. J. S. B. Hodges, the assistant minister at Trinity Church, and others.

4. THE REV. CHARLES W. QUICK, the fourth rector of the parish, began to officiate in December, 1856. He had other work in the city, and generally officiated at Grace Church in the evening. After a rectorship of two and a half years, he resigned in the month of April, 1859.

In his last report, made in May, 1858, he gives the number of families as 10 and the communicants 8. He says: "The senior warden has steadily performed the duties of lay reader. To visit the parish once on Sunday in order to preach has been all that my other engagements have left me at liberty to do. The salary is small and very much in arrears."

The Sunday School remained the same as reported by the preceding rector.

Mr. Quick was scholarly and conscientious, but a man of marked peculiarities, some of which Mr. Bigham refers to in his history of the parish.

VACANCY IN THE RECTORSHIP.

A vacancy in the rectorship now began which continued fourteen months, during which time the Sunday School was kept open, and occasional services were held by visiting clergymen. Rev. E. M. Van Dusen, of St. Peter's Church, and Rev. Jubal Hodges, of St. Mark's, Birmingham, held services and baptized some children.

5. The REV. JUBAL HODGES, the fifth rector, began to officiate on Sunday, June 24, 1860. He was at the same time rector of St. Mark's, Birmingham, and held services in Grace Church only on Sunday afternoons. He continued to officiate about a year and resigned, as it seems, in the summer of 1861. The entries in the parish register give little information, and there is no report in the Convention Journal for 1861; consequently there are no data concerning his rectorship.



THE REV. GUSTAVUS WILHELM MAYER.

6. The REV. GUSTAVUS WILHELM MAYER, the sixth rector, began duty in the parish December 1, 1861, the first Sunday in Advent, in connection with the parish of St. Luke's, Chartiers. He was at that time a deacon, but January 19, 1862, he was ordained to the priesthood, and on the following Sunday administered the Holy Communion for the first time in Grace Church.

After officiating at Grace Church about eighteen months, with an interruption of six or eight weeks, caused by a serious illness, during which time services were rendered by the Rev. Charles V. Gardiner, who was then staying in Pittsburgh, he resigned in March, 1863, and confined his services to St. Luke's, Chartiers. During his incumbency he kept a horse, and was able, therefore, to reach both of his churches on Sunday, officiating at one in the morning and at the other in the evening.

He was a German by birth, and occasionally held a service in the German language in Grace Church, for the benefit of the German-speaking people of the parish, and some of the families thus brought to the church still remain members of the congregation.

There seems to have been little change in the condition of affairs during Mr. Mayer's rectorship. The Sunday School was kept up by the senior warden, and the contributions were about as in former years, though the particulars are not recorded. In May, 1862, he reports, "Number of communicants, 10."

A SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

Gustavus Wilhelm Mayer, the son of L. G. Mayer and Marie Louise von Liebenstien, was born Sunday, April 26, 1835, in Süssen, Wurtemberg, Germany, and was the elder of two children. His parents were members of the Established Church of Wurtemberg (Lutheran), and he was baptized in the parish church on the eighth day after his birth. He received his early instruction in the parish school, and then in the Latin Grammar School at Weiblingen, where he studied Latin and Greek and made such progress that at thirteen he could read his Greek New Testament with ease and fluency. In 1848 his parents emigrated to America, and in 1853

he entered Princeton College, from which institution he was graduated in 1857. After some months of study in the Princeton Theological Seminary he decided to enter the ministry of the Episcopal Church, and consequently went to the Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Virginia, becoming a candidate for Holy Orders from that diocese. He graduated from that institution in 1859, and on October 2 of that year was ordained deacon in the chapel of the seminary by the Rt. Rev. John Johns, D. D., Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia at that time.

He did temporary work in the dioceses of Virginia and Maryland for about two years and then, on December 1, 1861, he was put in charge of St. Luke's, Chartiers, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and Grace Church, Mount Washington, by the Bishop of Pennsylvania. He was ordained to the priesthood Sunday, January 19, 1862, in St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, by Bishop Alonzo Potter, and returning at once to Pittsburgh he celebrated the Holy Communion, for the first time in his ministry, in Grace Church on the following Sunday morning.

In 1863 he gave up his work in Pennsylvania, and after about two years spent in Spring Hill Parish, Somerset County, Maryland, and in missionary work in Elmira, New York, he accepted the rectorship of St. Mark's Parish, Penn Yan, N. Y., in 1867. Here, in the fall of 1870, he married Mary L. Potter, youngest daughter of Samuel J. Potter, of that place. The next eleven years he spent in missionary work in the West—one year in Cheyenne and ten years in San Francisco, Cal. He returned East in 1881 and was appointed on the staff of the City Mission clergy of New York, which position he held for ten years, being also during this time chaplain of "Charity Hospital, Blackwell's Island, N. Y." After one year of work at the Mission Church of the Holy Cross, New York, he began labor in his present position, January 1, 1893, as priest in charge of St. Matthew's (German) Mission Church in Newark, N. J. This work is specially interesting to him, owing to the fact that it was in this church that the impressions made upon him in his boyhood ultimately led to his entering the ministry of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Mayer is a very scholarly man, of high mental endowments and keen literary perceptions; a fine sermonizer and a ready, fluent speaker.

VACANCY IN THE RECTORSHIP,

FROM APRIL, 1863, TO JUNE 26, 1866.

After the resignation of the Rev. Mr. Mayer there was no rector for a little over three years. During this time services were maintained with more or less regularity by Dr. L. H. Harris, acting as lay reader, under the appointment of Bishop Stevens. Occasional clerical services, with the administration of baptism and Holy Communion, were given by the Rev. Dr. Van Dusen and the Rev. Messrs. Ten Broeck, Tschudy, Snively, Swope and Fuller, of the city clergy. The Sunday School was kept open chiefly through the efforts of the lay reader and Mr. and Mrs. Bigham, with an average attendance of about 100 pupils.

Such frequent and long-continued interruptions in the regular services of a parish are serious hindrances to its life and growth, and sometimes lead to disastrous results. It was only the devoted faithfulness of a few earnest souls that prevented the complete disorganization of the parish at this time.

During the greater part of this period our civil war was in progress, and all church as well as all benevolent enterprises, not directly connected with the war, suffered greatly by the diversion of sympathy and interest to the claims of that great struggle. The war, which threatened our national existence, so engrossed the thoughts and absorbed the energies of our people that they could give but little attention to anything else. At length, however, peace came in 1865, and again men's thoughts and activities were directed in the old channels, interest in church matters soon revived, and a year later the vestry secured a rector and regular ministrations were resumed in Grace Church.

REV. BRYAN BERNARD KILLIKELLY, D. D.

7. THE REV. BRYAN BERNARD KILLIKELLY, D. D., the seventh rector of the parish, entered upon his duties on Trinity Sunday, May 26, 1866. He continued to officiate during a period of one year, and then resigned, after evening prayer, on Sunday, June 2, 1867.

In the summer of 1865 extensive improvements in the church building were undertaken. These improvements were not completed when Dr. Killikelly became rector, and were afterward continued under his supervision. To supply an urgent need, the floor of the church was raised four feet and the ground below excavated sufficiently to give space for a basement Sunday School and lecture room. This room was neatly finished on the walls and ceiling with dressed flooring, and the old pews of the church were used to furnish it with seats, and in it for the time being the services were held.

At this stage of the improvements the funds gave out, leaving the body of the church unfurnished and unfinished. Moreover, it was found that the debts already contracted over and above the sum of the subscriptions amounted to \$600. The vestry was unable at that time to raise the money needed to complete the improvements and to meet their other obligations, so, under these circumstances, Dr. Killikelly decided to resign. He reported to the Convention of the Diocese of Pittsburgh in May, 1867: Communicants, 26; Sunday School—teachers, 13; pupils, 110; and he ends his record in the Register with this note: "I have the satisfaction of knowing that more has been done for the parish and greater interest elicited in its work during the year now closed than was ever done before; and I here desire to record my deep gratitude to Almighty God for His great goodness in giving me favor in the sight of those to whom I was called to minister, and for whose eternal welfare I shall not cease to pray."

Dr. Killikelly's work in the parish during the year that he was rector was carried on at great disadvantage. He resided at Kittanning, forty-five miles away, and when he had reached the city there was, in those days, no way of getting to Mount Washington except by a fatiguing walk up a long and steep



THE REV. B. B. KILLIKELLY, D. D.

hill. He was at the time sixty-three years old, and by no means robust; the journeys up and down, therefore, often so exhausted him that he would be forced to seek some place of rest before he could proceed on his way; and, unfortunately, the salary was not sufficient to justify him in moving his family to live in the parish. He nevertheless worked on without complaining, because it was the Lord's work, in whose sacred service he delighted to spend his whole strength.

Dr. Killikelly was born on the Island of Barbadoes January 18, 1804, where his father, formerly an officer in the British navy, held an official position. In 1826 he came to the United States and engaged in mercantile pursuits in the city of New York. He subsequently studied theology and was admitted to deacon's orders by the Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, in St. John's Church, Pittsburgh (then Lawrenceville), July 19, 1834, and was advanced to the priesthood in Trinity Church, Freeport, Pa., by the same Bishop, on April 25, 1836.

His whole ministerial life of forty-three years was spent in Pennsylvania, except a period of nine years passed under Bishop Kemper, at Vincennes, Ind., where he built a church and established a flourishing school for young ladies. He officiated at various times in Kittanning, Freeport, Paradise (Lancaster County), at Brady's Bend, and New Castle. After the close of his rectorship in Grace Church, Mount Washington, he spent four years of hard and faithful missionary work at McKeesport, where he planted the church that has since become a strong parish. He died peacefully April 11, 1877.

As a man Dr. Killikelly was irreproachable. He was courteous, gentle, sympathetic. As a priest, he lived above the world; self-denying, ever ready to spend and be spent in his Master's service.

Dr. Killikelly in his notes in the register of the parish, refers to the "seven clergymen" who had had charge of the parish before him. In these seven he includes the Rev. William H. Paddock, under whose chairmanship, as District Missionary of Western Pennsylvania, the parish was organized; but Mr. Paddock, while he officiated a few times in the school-house for the congregation, never really had charge

of the parish. Dr. Killikelly was, therefore, the seventh rector.

COST OF THE BASEMENT IMPROVEMENT.

The cost of the basement (Sunday School and lecture room) amounted to \$2,700.00.

Subscriptions to pay same:

Mrs. E. M. Ebbs.....	\$500.00
Mr. John S. McMillin.....	500.00
Thomas J. Bigham and sons.....	250.00
Thomas M. Howe.....	300.00
George W. Cass.....	50.00
Sundry other sources.....	500.00

Total..... \$2,100.00

This left a debt of \$600 at the time of Dr. Killikelly's resignation, as mentioned above.

REV. ROBERT JOHN COSTER, D. D.

8. THE REV. ROBERT JOHN COSTER, D. D., the eighth rector of Grace Church, began duty April 5, 1868.

After the resignation of Dr. Killikelly, on June 2, 1867, there was a vacancy in the rectorship until April 5, 1868, when the Rev. R. J. Coster held his first service as "missionary in charge," under the appointment of the Rt. Rev. John B. Kerfoot, Bishop of Pittsburgh.* The congregation met for service in the basement schoolroom, the body of the church being unfurnished and otherwise unfinished. Service was now held regularly every Sunday morning, and a session of the Sunday School every afternoon. The number that gathered for public worship was small, being for some time not more than twenty persons. During the first year only about fourteen communicants were found, as will be seen by the parochial report of 1869, and the Sunday School had fallen off to sixty-eight members. The small congregation was, too, burdened and discouraged by a debt of \$600, for the settlement of which the creditors were pressing. Rector and people felt that it was an absolute necessity to get rid of this debt before there could be any forward movement in the

*Elected rector Easter, 1869.



THE REV. ROBERT JOHN COSTER, D. D

work of the parish. Measures were therefore at once adopted to raise money to pay the overdue claims standing against the parish. Subscriptions were solicited, and a fair was held in September, 1868, by which means sufficient funds were secured to pay the indebtedness, that now amounted to \$646. The removal of this debt encouraged the congregation and rector to undertake the heavier task of completing and furnishing the church.

The vestry at this time was composed of the following members: Edward Bratt, Senior Warden; John C. Shaler, Jr., Junior Warden; Samuel Harper, Secretary and Treasurer; Thomas J. Bigham, William L. Bond, John S. McMillin, William Halpin.

The congregation, vestry and rector were a unit in the wish to complete the work of improvement begun about four years before, in 1865, and though they were weak both in numbers and in finances, yet, being now free from debt, they determined to proceed. Mrs. Bigham and the rector's wife undertook, with the approval of the vestry, to raise the money for painting the interior of the church and frescoing the walls. After some difficulty they succeeded in obtaining the following amounts:

John H. Shoenberger.....	\$50.00
Mr. Mattern.....	20.00
Concerts—tickets sold, 12.....	6.00
Collected by Mrs. Bigham.....	30.00
Simon Johnston.....	5.00
C. C. Colton.....	4.00
William Metcalf and sister.....	12.00
Reuben Miller.....	20.00
A. Kirkpatrick.....	10.00
Mr. Thomas Fulton.....	20.00
William Noble.....	5.00
R. H. Hartley.....	10.00
George Lowen.....	5.00
Miss Augusta Shaler.....	5.00
Joseph Knap.....	5.00
Collected by Mr. Bigham.....	29.00
Mrs. R. J. Coster.....	32.25
Rev. R. J. Coster.....	68.00

Total.....\$336.25

This amount they expended as follows:

John Stulen, frescoing and painting church.....	\$275.00
Joseph Wood, erecting scaffolds for painters.....	13.00
Plating chalice and flagon, etc.....	13.50
Altar cloth.....	25.75
Altar cross.....	9.00

Total.....\$336.25

It may here be mentioned, that the use of the altar cross procured by the rector was objected to by some members of the vestry, and it was removed and presented to another parish in the diocese.

The vestry went vigorously to work to raise the rest of the money required to put in pews, chancel furniture and carpets, and by subscriptions among themselves and by contributions from their friends secured the necessary amount, about \$1,000. (It is a matter of regret that the treasurer's book containing the subscriptions cannot be found.) And now the work of finishing the church was pushed on steadily, the services being held meanwhile, as they had been for several years, in the basement school-room.

About the middle of July, 1869, the refitting was completed, and on Sunday, July 19, the church was again opened for divine service, the first time since early in the summer of 1865. The day was very auspicious—clear and pleasant; the congregation was large and hopeful. The Bishop was present (Kerfoot) to share in the pleasure of the congregation and rector, preached the sermon and confirmed a class of eight persons, the first class under the present rector, composed of the following persons: Edward Bratt, Sr., Nellie Ruth Bratt, Mary Lowen Goldthorp, Mary Rebecca Torrence, Kate Goldthorp, Sarah Ann Torrence, Elizabeth Goldthorp and Amelia Shafer. The record of this class is a matter of great pleasure to the rector. Three, faithful to the end, have gone to their rest—Edward Bratt, Sr., Mary L. Goldthorp and Sarah A. Torrence (Mrs. Burrell); two, after long and faithful service in the choir and the Sunday School, have moved to the East End of our city—the sisters

Kate (now Mrs. Dermitt) and Elizabeth Goldthorp; one has withdrawn, and the other two, Nellie R. Bratt (now Mrs. Shaler) and Mary R. Torrence, are still among the parish workers.

The next wish of the rector and congregation was to see the now completed church duly consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, that all might feel that it was a sacred edifice, forever separated from all unhallowed uses. But as the amount raised by subscriptions had not been sufficient to meet the whole cost of the improvements, a fair was held in the latter part of September, and other collections were made, and the amount thus secured enabled the vestry to pay the full cost of the improvements. At the same time Mr. Thomas J. Bigham assigned to the vestry a claim of several hundred dollars which he held against the church, thus leaving the property entirely free from debt. The rector and vestry were now in a position to carry out their wish. They therefore certified to the Bishop of the Diocese the Rt. Rev. John B. Kerfoot, D. D., that their property was unencumbered, and asked him to consecrate the church. In response to their request the Bishop appointed Sunday, December 26, 1869, as the time for the consecration. The day was again propitious, being clear and pleasant, and a large congregation gathered to witness the interesting ceremony. The senior warden, Mr. Edward Bratt, met the Bishop at the door and presented to him the keys of the church, which the Bishop received and afterward placed upon the altar. The deed of donation and request to consecrate, which had been duly signed by the rector, wardens and vestrymen at a meeting of the vestry held on Saturday, December 18, 1869, was presented and read by the junior warden, John C. Shaler, Jr. This was also received by the Bishop and laid upon the altar. The document is in the handwriting of the Rev. Abel A. Kerfoot, the Bishop's son, and reads as follows:

DEED OF DONATION.

PRESENTED AT THE CONSECRATION OF GRACE CHURCH,
PITTSBURGH, SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS,
DECEMBER 26, 1869.

We, the rector, churchwardens and vestrymen of Grace Church, Mount Washington, (Allegheny Coun-

ty), in the State of Pennsylvania, and Diocese of Pittsburgh, being, by the good Providence of Almighty God, in possession of a house of worship, erected on the southeast corner of Bertha and Sycamore Streets, Mount Washington, Pittsburgh, do hereby appropriate and devote the same to the worship and service of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, according to the provisions of that branch of the Catholic Church of Christ known as the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in its ministry, doctrine, liturgy, rites, and usages, and for occupation and use by a congregation in communion with the Convention thereof in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

And we do also hereby request the Rt. Rev. John Barrett Kerfoot, D. D., L. L. D., the said Bishop of the Diocese, to take the said building under his spiritual jurisdiction as Bishop aforesaid, and that of his successors in office, and to consecrate the same by the name of Grace Church, Mount Washington, and thereby separate it from all unhallowed, worldly and common uses, and solemnly dedicate it to the purposes above mentioned.

And we do moreover, covenant and agree, in behalf of this vestry and parish, that this house, being thus, at our request, duly consecrated by the Bishop of the Diocese, shall be held and used in a true conformity with the office of consecration, and with the canons of the General Convention and of this Diocese.

And we do furthermore solemnly declare, upon our honor as Christian men, that there is no lien, charge, responsibility or debt unpaid or subsisting with which the said church or building, or the corporation or congregation owning it or worshipping therein, is or can be, either legally or morally, chargeable.

In testimony whereof, we, the said rector, churchwardens and vestrymen, have caused this instrument of donation to be prepared, and have thereunto subscribed our several names and affixed our seals, this 18th day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

ROBERT JOHN COSTER,	Rector.	[SEAL.]
EDWARD BRATT,	} Wardens.	[SEAL.]
JOHN C. SHALER, JR.,		[SEAL.]
THOMAS J. BIGHAM,	} Vestrymen.	[SEAL.]
WILLIAM BOND,		[SEAL.]
JOHN S. McMILLIN,		[SEAL.]
SAMUEL HARPER,		[SEAL.]
WILLIAM HALPIN,	}	[SEAL.]

The Bishop then, in accordance with the request and in conformity with the usages of the American church, proceeded with the service of consecration. At the direction of the Bishop, the rector, the Rev. Robt. John Coster, read the sentence of consecration, which had been prepared and signed by the Bishop. It was as follows:

SENTENCE OF CONSECRATION,

OF

GRACE CHURCH, MOUNT WASHINGTON, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH.

In the name of the holy, blessed and undivided Trinity, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Whereas, the rector, churchwardens and vestrymen of Grace Church, Mount Washington, have by an instrument this day presented to us, appropriated and devoted this house to the worship and service of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, according to the provision of the Holy Catholic Church, and of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in its ministry, doctrine, liturgy, rites and usages; and for occupancy and use by a congregation in communion thereof in the Diocese of Pittsburgh: And whereas, the same rector, churchwardens and vestrymen have, by the same instrument, requested us to consecrate their said house of worship by the name of Grace Church, Mount Washington, and thereby separate it from all unhallowed, worldly and common uses, and solemnly dedicate it to the holy purposes above mentioned: Now, therefore, know all men by these presents, that we, John Barrett Kerfoot, by Divine permission, Bishop of Pittsburgh, and acting under the protection of Almighty God, and in His faith and

fear have on this 26th day of December, being the first Sunday after Christmas and the Feast of St. Stephen, the Martyr, in the year of our Lord 1869, taken the above-mentioned house of worship under our spiritual jurisdiction as Bishop aforesaid, and that of our successors in office; and in presence of divers of the clergy and of a congregation therein assembled, and according to the godly usage of the Catholic Church of Christ, and the form prescribed by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, have consecrated the same by the name of Grace Church, Mount Washington; and we do hereby pronounce and declare that the said Grace Church, Mount Washington, is consecrated accordingly, and thereby separated henceforth from all unhallowed, worldly and common uses, and dedicated to the worship and service of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, for reading and preaching His Holy Word; for celebrating His Holy Sacraments; for offering to His Glorious Majesty the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; for blessing His people in His name, and for the performance of all other holy offices, and the administration of all holy ordinances, agreeable to His will, made known in the terms of the Covenant of Grace and Salvation in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, according to the usages of His Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, and the provisions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in its ministry, doctrines, liturgy, rites and usages.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto affixed our signature and Episcopal seal, on this 26th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1869, and in the fourth year of our consecration.

[L. S.]

JOHN BARRETT KERFOOT,
Bishop of Pittsburgh.

At the conclusion of the service the Bishop congratulated the rector and the congregation on the improvement in their church and commended the spirit of reverence and loyalty to churchly usage which prompted them to have their house of worship duly consecrated.

Services were now held regularly in the church every Sunday morning and Sunday School in the afternoon.

During the following year (1870), nothing noteworthy occurred. The life of the parish flowed on evenly. The expenses were maintained at considerable cost to the small congregation. The Easter service was a very beautiful one, good music being furnished by a volunteer choir composed of the following persons: Mrs. Brunt, Misses Nellie Shaler, Mary Goldthorp, Annie Hughes and Messrs. George Prosser and William Ritchie.

The Sunday School continued to give instruction to a large number of children of parents not belonging to Grace Church. The efficiency of the school was kept up during the years of 1870 and 1871 largely by the earnest work of Mr. John C. Shaler and Mr. George Lovelock. In January, 1872, we lost the assistance of Mr. Shaler, whose business interests took him first to Cincinnati, and then to St. Louis; and we had many anxious thoughts as to who should fill his place.

An interesting part of a rector's work is the preparation of his classes for confirmation. The frequent meetings for instruction give him opportunity of becoming intimately acquainted with his young people and offer chances for personal direction and counsel, such as no other period affords. The present rector looks back with great pleasure to these periods of intimate intercourse, many of which have been the brightest spots in the ministerial work of his life. He remembers now with special interest his meetings with the class of 1873. This class was composed of grown people, all of them the personal friends of the rector, and their earnestness, attention and demeanor made the hours of instruction peculiarly interesting. Three of them, having finished their course in faith, have gone to their reward. Two others are doing faithful work in the church, fully meeting the rector's expectations of their usefulness in the Master's service. One of these, Mr. E. H. Dermitt, after long serving Grace Church as choir master and vestryman, has moved from the parish and is now actively aiding the church elsewhere; the other, Melville L. Stout, is still among the efficient workers of the parish, being now a vestryman of the parish, and for most of the intervening years organist of the church.

During the summer of 1875 the church was newly frescoed and painted, having become very dingy in six years, from the prevalence of dust and smoke in the atmosphere of Pittsburgh, the Smoky City. At the same time Mr. William Halpin put in a stained-glass chancel window, as a memorial to his father and mother, which added very much to the beauty and sacredness of our church.

During the summer of 1876 the church lot was enclosed with a new iron fence, new boardwalks were laid around the church, and the Sunday School room was painted and frescoed, thus putting the whole premises in complete order.

The early part of 1879 was marked by an unusual circumstance, the death of three aged members of the congregation, within three months, namely Mrs. Mary Lowen, wife of George T. Lowen, aged 70 years; Mrs. Sarah Reese, mother of Mrs. Mary E. Torrence, aged 87; and Mrs. Maria Adams, widow of the late William Adams, aged 78. Mrs. Lowen lived too far from the church and Mrs. Reese was too feeble from age to attend the services often, but Mrs. Adams, up to the last two years of her life, when disease obliged her to go to the Aged Women's Home for treatment, was a regular worshiper at the services. She sat close up to the front, and the rector could not help noting her regular attendance. She, like the other two here mentioned, was of English birth, and inherited some of the English prejudice against everything that she thought savored of Romanism. On one occasion a new set of bookmarks was put in the Bible, having crosses on the ends, and as they hung immediately before the eyes of the good woman she could not help seeing them, and the sight so disturbed her simple mind that she staid away from service several Sundays. The rector noticing this, went to see her and, learning what troubled her, explained the meaning of the symbol and the harmlessness of its use, and so satisfied her mind that she at once began again her regular attendance and never afterward questioned anything that her rector did. In her will she left the sum of fifty dollars to Grace Church, and the rector and vestry set it apart as the beginning of an endowment for the parish, and called the fund, in her memory,

"The Maria Adams Endowment Fund." The death of these aged women took away three who had been connected with the parish from its beginning, and diminished the number of those familiar with its early history and interested in its early struggles.

Whatever tends to beautify the church or to render its appointments more complete is worthy of mention. It is recorded here, therefore, that on Easter Sunday, March 28, 1880, Miss Emma Bennett, sister of Mrs. Sarah Boggs, presented to the church a handsome stone font as a thank offering. The one previously used was a plain wooden font, put in when the church was first opened, in 1853, and this was now presented to St. Paul's Church, Georgetown.

Easter Sunday, 1881, was a bright and beautiful day, and the rector, choir and people looked forward to an inspiring and joyous service, and they were not disappointed. The church was beautifully decked with flowers, the symbols of the resurrection, a full congregation was in attendance, and the choir had made special preparation for rendering in a manner suitable to the high festival, the musical part of the service. At that time the following were the members of the choir: Mrs. E. H. Dermitt, Mrs. James Boggs, Mrs. Joshua Goldthorp, Mrs. Joel Bigham, Mr. E. H. Dermitt, Mr. Edwin Smith and Mr. Samuel Williams; the organist was Mr. M. L. Stout. The chants, anthems and hymns were sung with beautiful effect, lifting up all present to a high plane of devotion. The rector's Easter sermon was from the text, I Corinthians xv, 20: "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept." The aim of the preacher was to set forth the two main results that come to Christians from the resurrection of Christ; namely, a new spiritual life, by which they now overcome sin, and a resurrection hereafter unto life eternal. About thirty-five communed, and the service ended with all feeling that it was indeed a blessing to share in such worship in the house of the Lord.

Another event of special importance occurring in the year 1881 was the completing and setting up in the church of the new pipe organ. As early as March 22, 1874, the matter of purchasing an organ was

talked over in the vestry, but it was not until seven years later that the matter was accomplished. The story of its purchase has been told in another place, and hence it is only necessary to say here that it was built by Barckhoff and set up in the church in October, and was used the first time at morning service Sunday, November 6, 1881. The possession of the organ was the cause of great rejoicing on the part of all those interested in the music of the church, as its tones added a dignity and richness to the musical part of the service unattainable with the small reed organ hitherto in use. Its possession was also a matter of special interest for the reason that it represented the self-denial and patient labor of the few who, discouraged neither by opposition nor delay, worked on until this gift to the Lord's house was secured. One fully acquainted with the numerical and financial strength of the parish at that time will appreciate what this statement means.

As a slight indication of what was being done at this time for the promotion of the spiritual welfare of the parish, a copy of a Lenten Pastoral, issued by the rector in 1882, will be here given. In it will be found notice of the services and a few words of instruction and advice in regard to the duties of the season.

The first page was as follows:

1882



GRACE CHURCH,
MOUNT WASHINGTON, SOUTH SIDE.

Lenten Season.

SERVICES

Every Wednesday—Evening Prayer and Lecture,
7:30 o'clock. Every Friday—Evening Prayer, 4
o'clock.

BISHOP'S VISITATION

Third Wednesday in Lent, March 8, 7:30 P. M.

HOLY COMMUNION

First Sunday in Lent, February 26th,	10:30 A. M.
Third Sunday in Lent, March 12th,	10:30 A. M.
Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 26th,	10:30 A. M.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9th

Morning Prayer, with Sermon and Holy Communion,
10:30 A. M.

Sunday School Service, 3:00 P. M.

"In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."—Philippians iv, 6, 7.

LENT, 1882.

BELOVED BRETHREN: Again, in the providence of God, the season of Lent, by the Church's appointment, calls us to self-examination and prayer. As your pastor, therefore, I bid you heed the Church's voice, and use the precious opportunity again vouchsafed to you.

Special services have been appointed that all may have the privilege of enjoying the means of grace more frequently during these days of humiliation and prayer.

I bid you come to these services regularly. Come to them also devoutly, praying and expecting to meet there Jesus, the Friend of sinners, who has said that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." And that you may realize that He is present in the services of His Church, prepare your hearts to meet Him, by meditating upon His love for sinners, by reading His Word as appointed by the Church, and by earnest and continued prayer for His blessing upon yourself and upon His whole Church during this holy season. Lent may be, and will be, a great blessing to all who, in a humble mind and devout heart, use it diligently.

Let me make the following suggestions as helpful in the due observance of the season:

THINGS TO BE AVOIDED.

(a) Light amusements, such as parties, operas and novel reading, as inconsistent with the sober and self-examining temper and spirit of Lent.

(b) Idleness and frivolity, as tending to weaken our moral sense and to divert our thoughts from the necessity of repenting of our sins.

(c) Ill temper, unkind speech and hardness of heart, as unbecoming those who are trying to follow the footsteps of the meek and lowly Jesus, and to become like Him.

THINGS TO BE REMEMBERED.

(a) Sin is a solemn fact in human nature. It is marring our lives and robbing us of peace. Lent is the time for examining ourselves in the light of God's Word, and for striving to get the mastery over our known sins. The struggle is one of life and death. If sin conquer us, and lead us captive at will, death is the result. If we conquer sin in the power of Christ, we have everlasting life.

(b) Our blessed Lord is the friend of sinners. He loves them. He gave His life for them. He is, therefore, your Friend, and will give you His life if you receive Him in faith and love. Let Him, then, dwell with you during the days of Lent, and thereby bless you with His presence.

(c) None, however sinful, need despair of receiving salvation. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow," saith the Lord. God, for Christ's sake, waits to be gracious. Now is the day of salvation. "Ask and ye shall receive," is our Lord's assuring promise.

THINGS TO BE DONE.

Fasting.—This is one form of self-denial that enables us to get the mastery over our appetites. Therefore, deny yourself luxuries and delicacies, and even abstain from food at stated times, and thus bring the body into subjection to the spirit. This will be a good preparation for the higher duties of Lent.

Prayer.—(a) Be more regular and devout in your private prayers. These are between God and your soul. He alone sees the heart and knows all its desires. Ask earnestly, therefore, for a right spirit in His sight. (b) Attend regularly the Lenten services. Let not your seat be vacant, nor your voice be silent, when the Lord's people meet to honor His name and to ask His blessing. And when present be not list-

less and inattentive. Join with heart and voice in all the acts of worship, and thus make the service a blessing to yourself and to others.

Almsgiving.—Our worship will be incomplete unless to our self-denial and prayer we add our offerings. We are Christ's representatives on earth. We must, therefore, in His name support the works of the Church carried on for His glory and the salvation of men. Freely have we received of Him, freely let us give, and so win for ourselves the honor of being His co-workers. Our hearts, our wills, our means are the things to be offered. These our Lord will accept and use to His glory and our eternal interest.

Your friend and pastor,

ROBERT JOHN COSTER.

The Lenten services this year on Wednesday evenings and Friday afternoons were well attended, and these, with the Bishop's annual visitation on the third Sunday in Lent, and the bright Easter services, were a great comfort and encouragement to the rector and his small band of workers.

The life of the parish, as the years went by, flowed on with the usual fluctuations and frictions incident to all affairs conducted by men subject to the prejudices and infirmities of human nature. The rector, however, can safely say that while a change was going on in the personnel of the congregation by deaths, removals and additions, there was as much of unity and harmony in the parish and as much of confidence and respect manifested for the rector, or perhaps more, than is usual in most of our parishes. While some of those who first welcomed the rector to the parish had moved away, and others had departed to the better land, there were still many of the older members of the congregation left to hold up the rector's hands and to encourage him with their confidence and sympathy; and for this mark of divine favor he has ever felt deeply grateful.

But time inevitably brings changes. As the years go by one after another of the well-known forms and faces disappear, and when one looks over the congregation he will see here and there the places of old

friends vacant or filled by others. The years 1883, 1884 and 1885 were marked by the removal from the parish by death of several of its long-trying and faithful members.

In the spring of 1883 Mrs. Sarah Goldthorp was laid to rest—a woman whose life was a blessing to her family, to her neighborhood, to her church. She was the daughter of George T. Lowen and the wife of Samuel H. Goldthorp; a patient, dutiful wife; a tender and affectionate mother, whose life was given to her children; a kind and affectionate friend, who always had a word of cheer or sympathy for those who approached her; a deeply pious woman, whose religion was of the heart and whose life was a constant witness to the reality of her faith. A pure, gentle soul, above reproach, full of good works. Her memory lingers with us like that of a pleasant, happy dream. It is an honor to her church to have her name enrolled among its departed ones.

In September of the same year another gentle, faithful soul was removed from the parish, Mrs. Ruth Reed. Though only thirty-three years old, she was ripe in Christian character. She was born and raised in Brownsville and was the wife of Samuel G. Reed. She was a true and faithful wife and mother, whom her husband and children most fondly venerate for her pure life and noble character. *Bene dormiat.*

Early in 1884 another devout soul, Mrs. Jane Bratt, was laid to rest, in her 77th year. Her familiar form had long been seen constantly at the church services. Rarely was she absent. She was a devout communicant, firmly attached to her church, and a faithful friend of her rector. She raised a large family of sons and daughters, devoted herself to her husband and children, and at a ripe old age, after much suffering, borne with exemplary patience, surrounded by her family, she departed full of hope and peace.

In autumn of the same year another aged servant of our Divine Master, Hon. Thomas J. Biggam, after a long and useful life, was laid to rest, full of faith and good works. He was one of the founders of the

church and one of its most faithful supporters and most devout communicants. His connection with the parish from its beginning and his long services in its behalf have been recorded elsewhere in this work. Indeed, it might almost be said that the church is a memorial to himself and his wife, and that its history is a memoir of him and his family.

In the next year, on November 1, 1885, All Saints' Day, another aged and devout member of the parish, Edward Bratt, Sr., aged 80 years, was laid to rest beside his wife, in Allegheny Cemetery. He was familiarly known as Squire Bratt, from the fact that he was long a justice of the peace on Mount Washington. He was widely known and everywhere respected for his integrity. He was for many years a regular worshiper and communicant of the parish, and also a vestryman and treasurer; serving the church faithfully in every capacity and contributing freely to its support according to his means. He was essentially a man of peace, and all who knew him honor his name and thank the Merciful Father for the good example of his faithful and aged servant. A sketch of his life will be found elsewhere in this work.

By the death of these members of the parish, whose lives had been so fully identified with its life and work, the rector felt that he had sustained a personal loss. He had known them intimately from the beginning of his connection with the parish in 1868, and had always been a welcome guest at their homes. He knew, too, from their words and deeds that he was respected as their pastor and loved as their friend; so the parish's loss was his loss, and it is therefore a great pleasure to him to pay this tribute of respect to the memory of these parishioners and friends.

The formation of a boy choir for the church was an event that marks the history of the year 1886. From the organization of the parish in 1852 the music had been furnished by a volunteer choir of men and women, and for the most part it had been rendered with great acceptability. During the present rectorship often, indeed, the music was of a high

degree of excellence, and notably during the successive periods of time in which Mr. William Digby, Mr. George Prosser and Mr. E. H. Dermitt had been leaders of the choir. These leaders were assisted by some devoted workers, and to them and their helpers justice will be done in another part of this work for their faithful services, long and freely given.

There were times, however, when it was difficult to obtain singers among the people of the parish, and when it was almost impossible to maintain the choir in any fair degree of efficiency. By removals from the parish of persons skilled in music and by the lack of interested singers in the congregation, this was the case in the year 1886. Then it was that a devoted churchwoman of the parish, who since the first Sunday in January, 1876, had been one of the most useful members of the choir, undertook to select and train a number of boys to furnish the music for the services. She went vigorously to work in the matter during the fall of 1886, and after several month's instruction she, with the consent of the rector and vestry, introduced the boys at the morning service on the Sunday after Christmas, December 26, and they then for the first time sang in the service. This was a great innovation in our conservative parish, and many were the fears and anxieties of its best workers in regard to the success of the venture. However, the enthusiasm and perseverance of Mrs. Goldthorp gave to the boy choir a fairly successful start, and it has been maintained in the church ever since with varying but, on the whole, increasing efficiency and acceptableness. (See subsequent addition.)

The boys at first wore only plain cassocks, and they continued to sing thus vested for about three months; then the ladies of the Mite Society, who had furnished the cassocks, supplied them with cottas made by their own hands; and on the fifth Sunday in Lent, March 27, 1887, at morning service, when the Bishop was making his annual visitation to the parish, the boys, twelve in number, appeared in full vestments for the first time. They marched in singing as the processional,

"The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord."

and taking their places in the stalls sang very creditably, under the direction of Mrs. Goldthorp, with Mr. M. L. Stout at the organ. One can readily imagine the interest that the first appearance of the choir in their vestments created in the congregation, and the curiosity that was awakened to see how matters would proceed. The result, under the circumstances, was on this occasion highly creditable to all concerned.

One of the chief difficulties in the successful management of the boy choir, when first introduced, was that of maintaining proper decorum and reverence during divine service. The choir was a volunteer one, and the boys who composed it had not previously been under any strict discipline, such as would form habits of order and obedience. It was hard, therefore, to make them feel that their position and duty required quietness of manner and dignity of conduct while in the chancel, to make their services acceptable to the congregation. The rector and vestry were on several occasions much disturbed by the lack of order and self-control shown during service, and had, consequently, serious doubts as to the wisdom of trying to retain the services of the boys. But firmness and patience on the part of the management in a short time greatly improved matters, and thereby removed the objections to the boy choir, and now it has become one of the fixed institutions of the parish.

Here it must be noted, to the credit of all concerned in originating and maintaining the boy choir, that the services rendered are voluntary, and without compensation. This makes the choir service a freewill offering—a gift to our Divine Master; and while the rector and congregation highly appreciate the faithfulness and sacrifices of former as well as of present members of the choir, it will help us all to remember that no service of love will ever be forgotten by the Great Head of the Church. At the last day He will say, "You did it unto Me."

The year 1887 was marked by great improvement in the interior appointments of the church. At Easter there were presented a beautifully carved

eagle lectern in walnut, a prayer desk and stall, and a credence table, memorials of Edward and Jane Bratt, who for many years adorned the church and glorified their Divine Master by their simple, faithful lives. These appropriate memorials, made by Lamb & Co., of New York, were the loving gifts of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Bratt. They beautify the Lord's house and keep fresh the memory of the departed; they may also be regarded as thank-offerings to God for His mercies to His departed servants.

In the summer of this year the church was further beautified with rich stained-glass windows, which took the place of the plain diamond-shaped glass put in when the church was first built. This adornment was accomplished chiefly by the aid of the Mite Society of the congregation, at a cost of about \$700. Very material assistance in raising the necessary funds was also given by the children of the Goldthorp family. The work was done in a very creditable manner, by Marshall & Bros., of Allegheny, after designs suggested by the rector and a committee of ladies from the Mite Society.

The first window from the chancel in the south wall is a memorial to Thomas J. Bigham. In the center of the window is an open Bible, across whose pages is written the text, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my paths."—Psalm cxix, 105. The appropriateness of this symbol and of these words on the memorial to Mr. Bigham arises from the fact that he was a diligent student of the Bible, and a man well acquainted with its contents. Below is the inscription, "In Memory of Thomas J. Bigham, Died November 9, 1884, Aged 74 Years."

Next to this window in the south wall is a memorial to two members of the Goldthorp family. In the middle of the window is an emblem of Faith, a female figure gazing upon the Cross, and below is the inscription, "In Memory of Sarah Lowen Goldthorp. Died March 19, 1883, Aged 53 Years." And under this, "Mary Goldthorp Steele. Died February 13, 1886, Aged 33 Years." And below "The Just Shall Live by Faith."

Next to this is a memorial to the departed members of the Mite Society of the Church. In the middle of the window is a cluster of lilies, below it the inscription, "In Memory of the Departed of the Mite Society." "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."—Revelation ii, 10.

In the north wall, the first window from the chancel is a memorial to Edward Bratt. In the middle of the window is a full-ripe sheaf of wheat, and below it the text, "He will gather the wheat into His garner"—Luke iii, 17; and the inscription, "In Memory of Edward Bratt. Died October 30, 1885, Aged 80 Years."

The next window is a memorial to Bishop Kerfoot. In the crown of the window are the crossed keys; in the middle, the mitre and staff, and below the inscription, "In Memory of John Barrett Kerfoot, First Bishop of Pittsburgh. Died July 10, 1881, Aged 64 Years." "Know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and esteem them very highly in love for their works' sake."—I Thessalonians v, 12, 13.

The putting in of these windows greatly beautified the church, and their presence serves constantly to remind the living of the departed faithful. It was a labor of love which deepened "the unity of spirit" and strengthened "the bond of peace," in the parish, and awakened in many the perception of the great truth of the communion of saints, making them realize more fully than hitherto that

"The living and the dead
But one communion make;
All join in Christ their head,
And of His life partake."

The year 1888 was marked by two events which give it special prominence in the history of the parish.

The first of these events was the presentation for confirmation at the Bishop's visitation on Palm Sunday, March 25, of a class of 33 persons—16 men and 17 women. This was the largest class the rector had ever presented, and consequently the occasion was one of deep interest. The day was rainy, but the

congregation was large, the music was good, and the Bishop preached a most effective sermon appropriate to Palm Sunday. After administering the rite of confirmation the Bishop, with much feeling and earnestness, exhorted the class to faithfulness in the duties of the Christian life. This large class showed that there was life in the parish, and greatly encouraged pastor and people, and gave hope for the future of our work.

The other event that specially marked this year was the completion at Easter of the twentieth year of the rector's service in the parish, an event that the congregation was not willing to let pass without a fitting commemoration. This commemoration began on April 1, with the Easter Day service. The church was beautifully dressed with palms and flowers; the congregation indicated its interest by gathering in its full strength; the vested choir, under the direction of Mrs. Goldthorp, with Mr. Stout at the organ, made special preparation for beautifying the service with music appropriate to the day and the occasion. The rector preached from the text, "The same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you."—St. John xx, 19; and set forth the thought that the resurrection of Christ is the seal of Divine Truth affixed to all His promises, commands and revelations, and the pledge to us of a resurrection to life eternal. At the close of his sermon the rector said:

"On a great festival like Easter it is necessary that words should be spoken suitable to the day and its lessons. Now, if you will bear with me a few moments longer, I desire to indulge in a brief retrospect of the history of the parish for the last twenty years, which closes with this day's services. Perhaps such a retrospect may encourage us in our work for Christ and His Church, and awaken in our hearts new zeal for our Master's service, and new determination to do more in the future for the extension of the Kingdom of our Risen Lord."

He then gave a short sketch of what had been done, of the obstacles that had been overcome, and of the progress that had been made. He spoke of the great assistance that he and the parish had received in all these years from the Mite Society of the congregation, and referred to the fact that it was a part of the history of the past year that a Laymen's Guild had been formed, which was now an equally important agency in the parish. He then urged all to work together in faith and love for the promotion of God's glory in their midst, reminding them that the time is short, and that the night cometh, in which no man can work; that this was their day and opportunity for giving proof of their faith and love. Continuing, he said:

"Whatever has been done in the past twenty years in our midst for the glory of God, to Him be all the praise, for we are at best only unprofitable servants. And yet God waits to be gracious, and if we bow heart and will before Him, and beg Him to accept and bless our feeble services, He will pour His blessings upon us, and fill us with all the fulness of His grace, and enable us at last to stand in His presence and hear these blessed words, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'"

The church was again filled at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at the service held for the Sunday School. After evening prayer the rector addressed the children and then catechised them. The responses were good, showing that the children really learn the catechism in the Sunday School. The singing by the school, assisted by the choir, was very hearty, adding much to the beauty and spirit of the service. The school numbered 133 scholars and 14 teachers. Its efficiency was largely due to the faithful management of the Superintendent, Mr. John C. Shaler, Jr.

On Thursday of the same week, April 5, the twentieth anniversary of the rector's first service in the church, the real commemoration was held, in the schoolroom of the church, of which event the following account, prepared at the time, is here inserted:

THE CELEBRATION OF THE TWENTIETH
ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

REV. ROBERT JOHN COSTER'S RECTORSHIP OF GRACE
CHURCH, FROM APRIL 5, 1868, TO APRIL 5, 1888.

GRACE CHURCH, Pittsburgh, April 5, 1888.

Twenty years ago this day the Rev. Robert John Coster held his first service in Grace Church as Missionary in Charge, he having been appointed to that duty by the Bishop of the Diocese, the Rt. Rev. John Barrett Kerfoot, D. D.

The parishioners of Grace Church, wishing to mark the twentieth anniversary of his ministrations, determined to tender to the rector and his wife a reception on this day. Preparations were accordingly made, invitations were issued, the schoolroom of the church was handsomely decorated with curtains, flowers, plants, pictures, etc., and brilliantly lighted for the occasion. As a further evidence of the thoughtfulness and kindness of the congregation, a carriage was sent for the rector and his wife, and at 8 P. M. all, pastor and people, assembled in the schoolroom of the church. About three hundred persons were present.

The upper end of the room had been transformed into a sort of parlor—carpeted, furnished with chairs, piano, pictures, etc.—and here for an hour or more the rector and Mrs. Coster received the congratulations and kind wishes of their parishioners and friends.

Mr. John C. Shaler, Jr., then stepped forward, and after a few words of kindly greeting, and the expression of the pleasure that it gave him and the congregation to meet the rector here on this twentieth anniversary of his connection with the parish, presented to him a beautiful Prayer Book and altar service, with the inscription, "1868-1888. To the Rev. Robert John Coster by the parishioners on His Twentieth Anniversary as Rector of Grace Church, Pittsburgh"; also a large and elegantly bound family Bible, with the inscription "1868-1888. Presented

to the Rev. Robert John Coster and his wife by the Parishioners of Grace Church, Pittsburgh"; also a purse containing the sum of \$521, and asked that these be received as mementos of the occasion, and tokens of the love and good wishes of the parishioners.

Mr. Shaler, in making the presentation, said:

"MY DEAR FRIENDS: Occasions of this kind are never considered a success unless some one makes a speech, and their promoters always choose some one whom they believe will say what is happiest or most appropriate to the time. It devolves upon me at the eleventh hour to say a few words in connection with this reception—not that I am at all fitted for doing so, but because the gentleman who was expected to do the talking could not come. It is a distinction for anyone to speak here to-night. Why is it that this array of bright faces is before me; that every one seems pleased with himself and in love with his neighbor? Is it necessary to remark that it is the twentieth anniversary of the beginning of Mr. Coster's church work in this parish? At all events, that is what has brought us all here. When we give the time a mere passing thought, twenty years is not long; but when, on the other hand, we go over the ground, and review our lives and our acts, it is long enough—almost one-third of the longest period allotted us to live.

"But I will not take up the time set for this entertainment with retrospective fancies or poorly chosen remarks, but direct a few words to our guest. To many of us, Sir, your experience in the parish is well known; the discouragements, the disappointments and the lukewarm assistance; the slim congregations, the periodical bickerings and small stipends. We remember your regular and faithful attendance to hold services at all seasons and in all kinds of weather, before either of the inclined planes were built, and when you were obliged to walk up the hill; how you baptized the babes, married the young people and buried the dead; that you never complained, or found fault with or reproved us for our delinquencies; and many of us wondered that you were willing to remain in so unprofitable a field. For a few

years past, matters have been more encouraging—the congregation has grown, good feeling has prevailed, and the church itself has been improved and beautified. The past year especially all of the pews have been full, and the several branches of parish work are flourishing. Your confirmation class a few weeks ago was not only the largest ever presented by you to the Bishop, but it compared favorably with classes in more extensive and favored parishes. We have all, no doubt, been striving, in a humble way, to make amends for the past.

“Now, as an additional mark of affection and good will, and as a testimonial of this anniversary, I am requested to present to you the articles on this table. Take them as a tribute of our love. Here they are. God Bless you.”

The rector having received these presents at the hands of Mr. Shaler, said in reply:

“MY DEAR FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS: Your presence here to-night, your kind looks, and these tokens are all evidences to me of your love and confidence. They show that time has strengthened the bond between us, and, coming to me on this twentieth anniversary of my connection with the parish, they touch my feelings more deeply than I can tell you, and fill my heart with gratitude to God that while working among you I have been able to win and retain your love. One of the greatest rewards of a clergyman's life is the love and confidence of his people.

“I stand here before you as your rector to-night, not by my own choosing. God's providence has brought me here. Bishop Kerfoot once said to me when I was anxious as to what course to pursue under certain trying circumstances, ‘My dear fellow, do not worry yourself. God's providence settles most things for us when we are doing our duty.’ His words were true, my friends. That providence somehow linked my life with his, and so I am here as your rector to-night. When I was a ruddy-faced boy, playing on the sunny slopes of Southern Maryland, and fishing and sailing on the waters of the Patuxent and the Chesapeake, I had no thought of ever making my home in Pittsburgh. I remember that, as a schoolboy, when studying geography, my

eye fell upon that little black spot on the map marked Pittsburgh, lying at the junction of the two rivers, Allegheny and Monongahela, and my attention was arrested by the peculiar sound of these names; but I never expected to live here. It came about thus: One bright Sunday morning, when I was a lad, while on my way to Middleham chapel, my pastor, the Rev. Erastus F. Dashiell (now gone to his rest), rector of Christ Church Parish, Calvert County, Maryland, came along on horseback, and reining up his horse beside me, and calling me by my first name, said: 'Robert, I wish to say something to you. You ought to be a clergyman; you ought to prepare yourself for the ministry.' This thought had occurred to me at times before; it now took the form of a wish and purpose. I did not for some time, however, see my way clear to fit myself for the ministry. At length the opening came, and I went to see my Bishop, the noble Whittingham. He received me very warmly, as he already knew me, having baptized and confirmed me. He at once said to me: 'You must go to the College of St. James. I wish you to be under the care of Dr. Kerfoot.' A short time after that Dr. Kerfoot, the president of St. James's, came to Baltimore, where I then was, and called on me. We had a long talk together, and it was settled that I should go to St. James's. Thus began my acquaintance and friendship with Dr. Kerfoot, your first Bishop, which only ended with his death in 1881. Soon after this I started for St. James's, which you know was in Western Maryland, near Hagerstown. I reached the college on a bright morning, October 20, 1857, and at once began my work. Here I remained seven years, under Dr. Kerfoot and Bishop Whittingham, first as a student, and then, after my graduation in 1862, as principal of the Grammar School. When I first went there in 1857 the college was large and flourishing, having nearly two hundred students in the two departments; but when I graduated, the civil war was in progress, and our numbers had been greatly reduced, and at length the exigencies of the war brought our work to a close in the summer of 1864. The frequent passage of troops, the interruption to travel, the stoppage of the mails and the

cutting off of supplies scattered the students and dispersed the faculty. Dr. Kerfoot went East and became the president of Trinity College; Dr. Falk went West and joined Dr. De Koven in his noble work at Racine College, where he died last summer. The Rev. Joseph H. Coit, another professor, went to Concord, N. H., to assist his brother, Dr. Henry A. Coit, in his work in St. Paul's School, where he still is. I remained in Maryland, and at the suggestion of Bishop Whittingham went to Annapolis and took charge of a private school composed of the sons of Governor Bradford, Judge Tuck, and a few other boys. While there the Diocese of Pennsylvania was divided, Dr. Kerfoot was elected the first Bishop of Pittsburgh, and was consecrated, as you know, on St. Paul's Day, January 25, 1866. A few weeks after his consecration he went to Hagerstown, Maryland, to visit his old friends and settle some matters needing attention. While there he telegraphed to me in Baltimore to come to Hagerstown to see him on important business. I went at once and spent a day or two with him at the residence of Mrs. Howard Kennedy, a warm friend of us both. Here, at the Bishop's invitation and solicitation it was settled that I should come to Pittsburgh and take charge of the Bishop Bowman Institute, which was then without a rector, Dr. Ten Broeck having just resigned and gone to Burlington, N. J., to take charge of a boys' school. I reached Pittsburgh on March 8, and at once began work in the institute, which I have continued ever since. At Easter (which came that year, 1866, on April 1st, as it does this year) I returned to Baltimore, was married on Tuesday, April 3d, and Mrs. Coster and I reached Pittsburgh, our future home, on this day, Thursday, April 5th, just twenty-two years ago. We celebrate thus to-day a double anniversary. During my first year in Pittsburgh I had no parochial work of my own. I assisted the city clergy as I was called upon, and took whatever other duty the Bishop assigned to me. At the beginning of my second year in Pittsburgh it had been deemed wise to start a mission on Penn Avenue near Twenty-eighth street, the principal movers in the matter being our city lay missionary, Mr. Morris, and Captain Thomas J. Brereton. With

the Bishop's consent, it was started under the name of St. Luke's Mission, and I was sent to take charge of it. We had a Sunday School and afternoon service, and, with the aid of Captain Brereton's family, the school grew and the service was quite well attended. We reported to the Convention of 1867, June, a school of six or eight teachers and about one hundred and twenty scholars, with an attendance of thirty to forty persons at the afternoon service. The success of the Mission seemed to give promise of permanent growth, and the laymen interested in it wished to organize a parish, and call a clergyman who could give his whole time to the work. I therefore withdrew, a parish was formed under the name of All Saints, and the work went on under other management. The result most of you know. The story is an interesting chapter in the history of the Church in Pittsburgh, but we cannot dwell upon it now. At that time, when I was free to take other work, this parish was vacant, and the Bishop was anxious that services should be resumed here; so, upon consultation with some of the laymen of the parish (Mr. T. J. Bigham and others), the Bishop sent me here as Missionary in Charge, and on the Sunday before Easter, April the 5th, 1868, I held my first service under this appointment, just twenty years ago to-day.

"At that time the affairs of the parish were not in an encouraging condition. The church had been closed nearly a year and was in debt about six hundred dollars. The repairs and improvements begun on the church several years before had been left unfinished, only this room (the Sunday School room) being in condition to be used. Consequently for more than a year we worshiped in this room without any of the accessories of a reverent and beautiful worship. Steps were at once taken to raise the money to pay off the indebtedness, and this being done, we set to work to raise funds to furnish the church. By the liberality of our own people, then not more than forty or fifty in number, and by the aid of the churchmen in the city, we soon had most of the money needed, and early in July, 1869, the work was finished, and, on the eighteenth of the month the church was opened

for the first time in my ministrations, when Bishop Kerfoot preached and confirmed eight persons. Early in December all the indebtedness had been paid, and on December the twenty-sixth, the Sunday after Christmas, the Bishop consecrated the church. Then for the first time the parish found itself with its church complete in its appointments and free from debt. The congregation, though small, was united and harmonious, and the work went on without serious interruption. I know that at first I did not have the full confidence of all the members. Observances that I had been accustomed to all my life, such as the use of the Cross in the church and turning toward the altar and bowing at the name of Our Lord in the creed, seemed to be novelties here and to cause alarm; and while I was careful not to offend the prejudices of any, I fear I did give offence to some, though unintentionally. However, I went on steadily with the services, teaching the truth as I understood the Church's doctrines as laid down in her formularies and as I had learned them from the apostolic Whittingham and the devout and scholarly Kerfoot, and as time went on you learned to know me better and to trust me more.

"And here let me say, in passing, that I regard it as the greatest privilege of my life to have been closely associated with these two men, Whittingham and Kerfoot; and to have received instruction from them, and to have enjoyed their friendship and confidence to the end of their lives. And I believe that whatever good I have been permitted to do as a clergyman, and whatever measure of usefulness I have had in the service of the Church, have been due, under God, to the influence, teaching and encouragement of these two men.

"In the past we have often had a hard struggle as a parish; but God has blessed our labors, and a brighter day seems to be before us. Not much, perhaps, has been done; but all these years, as Mr. Shaler said, I have baptized your children, I have married your young people, I have visited the sick and buried the dead. These, my friends, are very sacred duties that touch the depths of the heart and leave memories that death alone can efface.

"I know not what more I can say than to ask God's blessing upon you and upon our work for His sake, and to pray Him that, when that work here shall have been finished, we all, pastor and people, may join the Church Triumphant and meet again to worship together in His eternal and glorious presence."

The rector received many letters of congratulation from absent friends, and a few of these are given here as a part of the history of the pleasant event.

The following was received from the venerable Dr. Crumpton, then in the 90th year of his age:

PITTSBURGH, April 3, 1888.

REV. R. J. COSTER.

DEAR BROTHER. I last evening received an invitation from Mr John C. Shaler to attend the twentieth anniversary of your rectorship of Grace Church. It would be a sincere pleasure to be with you on that occasion and personally congratulate you on your acceptable ministry; but my infirmities are such that I am hindered from going from home except on the most indispensable duties.

My prayer will be that your rectorship may be prolonged for future happiness to yourself and to the congregation in which you have so usefully labored.

I am, dear brother, yours most respectfully, etc.,

THOMAS CRUMPTON

The following was received from the Rev. Richard S Smith, then the faithful rector of St. Peter's Church, Uniontown:

ST. PETER'S, Uniontown, April 4, 1888.

TO THE REV. R. J. COSTER.

REV. AND DEAR BROTHER: I sincerely regret my inability to be present at the reception which I find is to be given you at Grace Church to-morrow (Thursday) evening. It would have afforded me much pleasure to have been able to unite with the many in doing "honor to whom honor is due."

Allow me, however, to present to you my sincere congratulations, and to express the hope that many years of successful labor for the Master may be added by you to the twenty already spent, and that many souls added to the Church through your ministry may form your crown of rejoicing "in that day."

Yr. affectionate friend and brother,

R. S. SMITH.

From Rev. J. Heber McCandless:

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH,

Smethport, Pa., April 4, 1888.

MY DEAR MR. SHALER: Your kind note of invitation was received yesterday, and I should be very glad indeed to be present at the reception to the Rev. Mr. Coster on the occasion of his twentieth anniversary as rector of Grace Church, Pittsburgh, if I could be released from duties that keep me at home just now.

I have known Mr. Coster all these twenty years. He was one of my examiners for Deacon's Orders, and has always been my sincere friend. I have loved him for himself, and for his patient persevering work—the kind of work that gathers, continues and grows—showing such results as we may see in your parish and in the Seminary for Young Women, over which he presides.

Please convey my hearty congratulations to Mr. Coster on the occasion that commemorates a score of years so well spent in good works, with the wish that he may be long spared to see yet greater results and enjoy the fruits of his successful pastorate.

I am, dear sir, sincerely yours,

J. HEBER McCANDLESS,

Rector St. Luke's Church.

From the Rev. E. A. Angell, then rector of the Church of Our Father, Foxburg, Pa.:

THE RECTORY, Foxburg, Pa., April 2, 1888.

MR. JOHN C. SHALER.

MY DEAR SIR: I sincerely regret my inability to accept your kind invitation for the 5th instant; but as I am planning a trip East for a week later, I cannot leave home at that time. Give my congratulations to Mr. Coster. He truly deserves them, for in these days of *evanescent* clergymen, one who has spent twenty years in one parish is almost a curiosity. Nevertheless, it speaks well for both priest and people.

Yours sincerely,

EDMUND A. ANGELL.

From the Rev. G. A. Carstensen, rector of St. Paul's Church, Erie, Pa.:

APRIL 3, 1888.

MY DEAR MR. COSTER: I am in receipt of a kind invitation from Mr. John C. Shaler, Jr., to attend a reception in the lecture room of Grace Church, Pittsburgh, on Thursday evening next. I understand that it is to commemorate the twentieth anniversary of your rectorship of the parish. Under any circumstances such an event is an interesting one in our changeful country and still more changeful times; but what a joyful time it will be in a parish where pastor and people have always "kept the faith in the unity of the spirit, in the bond of peace," as they have in Grace Church, Mt. Washington.

I cannot be with you—I wish I could; but I send you my congratulations, my fraternal love, and my best prayers for God's good blessing in the years to come as in those that are gone.

Most cordially yours,

G. A. CARSTENSEN.

From the Rev. Samuel Maxwell, then the rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh:

APRIL 2, 1888.

MY DEAR MR. COSTER: Let me most heartily congratulate you upon the completion of your twentieth year as rector of Grace Parish. It is a great disappointment to me, on account of my high personal regard for you, that I shall not be able to accept the polite invitation extended to me to be present at the reception to be given to you on Thursday evening next. * * * I would dearly love to be among the many who will congratulate you.

With every good wish for you and yours, and the prayer that you may long be spared to the ministry of the church and to that portion where you are so respected and beloved, I am,

Yours faithfully,

SAMUEL MAXWELL.

Other letters of congratulation were received, which are highly prized by the rector; but they are either too personal in their character or too warmly expressive of affection and esteem to appear here.

Another event of this year deserves special mention. In October Mrs. Maria Louisa Bigham, wife of the late Thomas J. Bigham, after a short illness

was called to the rest of the people of God. She died at her home, on Woodville Avenue, where all her married life had been spent, at about 4 o'clock on Sunday evening, October 14, surrounded by her family, and was laid to rest in Allegheny Cemetery Tuesday afternoon, October 16. The funeral service was held in Grace Church, of which she was in reality the originator and founder; and the large congregation of her friends, which completely filled the church, showed how much she was respected by her neighbors. At the conclusion of the service a last look at her kind and dignified face was taken by all present. Some kissed her cold lips, others dropped a tear upon her remains. All felt that they were taking leave of a woman who had been richly endowed with the higher gifts of mind and heart and with the grace and dignity of inherited refinement. She had been for many years a teacher in the Sunday School, a regular worshiper in the church, and a leader in every effort to maintain the worship and to extend the influence of the church in the community. She was, too, a woman strong in her convictions and firm in her purposes. Her influence was, therefore, widely felt; and the young people who grew up around her respected her ability and venerated her person. Her removal left a vacancy there was no one to fill. The present generation of Mount Washington, consequently, can never forget the grace and dignity of her personality; and the church which she loved and did so much to establish must ever be a witness of her faith in her Lord and her zeal in His service.

Early in the following year the congregation lost another of its members, Miss Edith N. Ferguson, who died February 1, 1890, in the thirty-first year of her age, and was buried February 3, in Allegheny Cemetery. Miss Ferguson was raised a Lutheran, but her convictions and preferences led her to adopt the Episcopal Church as her spiritual guide. She was confirmed by Bishop Kerfoot in 1880, and continued a regular communicant to the end. She was a devout, lovely woman, richly endowed both by nature and grace. She had travelled extensively, both in her own country and in Europe. She was a discriminating and assiduous reader, and a devoted

student of Art. Her fine literary taste, her delicate perception of the beautiful in Art and Nature, and her quick, ready memory gave a charm to her conversation; while her vivacious, witty temperament and her generous, confiding disposition made her a most agreeable companion, and won for her a wide circle of devoted friends. As a Christian woman, her simple, unpretentious piety and her devout, reverent manner gave evidence of a deep, earnest nature that accepted fully revealed truth, and brought her whole heart and mind into the service of her Divine Master. Pure, true and faithful, she won the hearts of friends and honored the service of her Lord. Her bright, cheerful disposition and winning, charming manner linger in the memory of her friends like thoughts of a beautiful picture. "Though dead she yet speaketh."

The publication of a parish paper, called GRACE CHURCH RECORD, forms a part of the history of the year 1890. It was chiefly through the efforts of the Guild of the church that the publication was maintained. In consultation with the rector, the matter was discussed, the name and motto adopted, and arrangements made for issuing the first number, which appeared in March of this year. It was decided to print it quarterly, in March, June, September and December, as an organ of parish work. The aim of its promoters may be gathered from a passage in the salutatory, which appeared in the first number, and reads as follows:

"Sometimes all that is needed to give success to a worthy enterprise is full information as to its value and needs. We believe that this is true even of parish work. We therefore intend to issue at regular intervals a sheet that will inform our people of the needs of our parish, and of the agencies through which their aid can be made available."

The editorial work of the paper was performed almost entirely by John C. Shaler, Jr., who collected and arranged the matter and did all the proof reading. The rector gave some little assistance by collecting now and then a few items, and by preparing an occasional article for its columns. The business management of the paper was taken care of by A. Filson

Dalzell and George A. Johnson. The paper was gratuitously distributed in the parish, the expense of publishing it being met by donations from the Laymen's Guild and the Ladies' Mite Society and by voluntary contributions from members of the congregation.

Matter on the first page of the first number is reproduced here, since it gives information of permanent interest in the history of the parish:

GRACE CHURCH RECORD.

"Doers of the Word, not hearers only."—JAMES i, 22.

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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

Cor. Bertha and Sycamore Streets,
Mt. Washington, Thirty-second Ward, Pittsburgh, Pa.

HOURS OF SERVICE.

Sundays:

Morning Prayer and Sermon, 10:30 o'clock.

Holy Communion, First Sunday of each month.

Baptisms, any Sunday except first Sunday of the month.

Sunday School at 9:30 A. M.

Week Days, Lenten Season only:

Evening Prayer, Wednesday at 7:30 o'clock;
Friday at 4:00 o'clock, P. M.

PARISH DIRECTORY.

RECTOR.

Rev. Robert John Coster, Penn Avenue and Fourth Street.

THE VESTRY.

John Bindley, *Senior Warden.*

Oliver H. Stinson, *Junior Warden.*

John S. McMillin, *Treasurer*, Grandview Avenue and Bigham Street.

John C. Shaler, Jr., *Secretary*, 419 Wood Street.

Thomas F. Ashford, William P. Linhart, O. W. Sadler, M. D., *Vestrymen.*

JANITRESS.

Mrs. E. Tite, residence, Cor. Bertha and Sycamore Streets.

USHERS.

Thomas F. Ashford, Jr., Thomas G. Bond,
Edward C. Purkey, George A. Johnson.

CHOIR.

Precentor, Richard Burfoot.

Organist, Melville L. Stout.

Sopranos, Robert Naysmith, Britton Baker,
Aaron Speer, Albion McMillin, Carl Turney, Samuel
McKain, Willie Jones, Samuel Reno, Edwin Bindley,
Denning Shaler, Clint. Agnew, John McKain, Charles
Nevergold, Charles Waggoner.

Altos, Robert Reno, Samuel Trantor.

Tenors, John Boyce, Edward Gould, E. C. Shaler.

Bass, Richard Burfoot, Fred. Johnson, Samuel
Kenah.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent, John C. Shaler, Jr.,

Organist, Miss Elmina McMillin.

Librarian, Samuel Kenah.

CLASSES AND TEACHERS.

No.	No.
1. Miss E. A. Bigham.	8. Mrs. Nellie R. Shaler.
2. Miss Elmina McMillin.	9. Mrs. Helen Harper.
3. Miss Emily McMillin.	10. Miss Lottie Marland.
4. Miss Ignatia Marlan.	11. Miss Annie Hughes.
5. John Williams.	12. John C. Shaler, Jr.
6. Miss Minnie Singer.	13. Miss Bessie Kenah.
7. Miss Lizzie Hughes.	14. Miss Kate Ream.

MITE SOCIETY OF GRACE CHURCH.

Meets every Wednesday afternoon, 2 o'clock.

President—Mrs. A. M. Whittier.

Vice President—Mrs. M. A. Thompson.

Treasurer—Mrs. J. S. McMillin.

Secretary—Mrs. Nellie R. Shaler.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—Mrs. W. P. Linhart,
Mrs. Joshua Goldthorp, Mrs. J. B. Armiger, Mrs.
Harry W. Neely.

VISITING COMMITTEES.—1st District—Mrs. J. J.
Lowe, Mrs. Nellie R. Shaler. 2d District—Mrs. E.
Smithson, Mrs. Mary Speer. 3d District—Mrs. A. M.
Whittier, Mrs. J. S. McMillin. 4th District—Mrs.
Jos. S. Bollman, Miss Lottie Marland. 5th District—
Mrs. J. B. Armiger, Miss Lydia Eynon.

CHANCEL COMMITTEE.—Mrs. M. A. Thompson, Mrs. E. Smithson, Mrs. Mary Kenah, Mrs. Mary Speer, Miss Emma Bennett.

GRACE CHURCH GUILD.

Meets in Sunday School room, second Monday of each month at 8 P. M.

President—John C. Shaler, Jr.

Vice President—Thomas F. Ashford.

Treasurer—Joseph F. Bollman.

Secretary—A. Filson Dalzell.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—Thomas F. Ashford, Jr., Thomas L. Bond, Thomas Jones, Harry W. Neely, George A. Johnson.

YOUNG LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

Meets every other Friday evening, at residences of members as appointed.

President—Mrs. Nellie R. Shaler.

Vice President—Miss Lottie Marland.

Secretary—Miss Birdie Hughes.

Treasurer—Miss Minnie Singer.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Meets last Friday evening of each month.

President—Mrs. Nellie R. Shaler.

Secretary—Miss Bessie Kenah.

Treasurer—Samuel Kenah.

From the second number of "GRACE CHURCH RECORD," we gather the following account of the Easter services of this year:

"Easter Sunday (April 6, 1890) was a peerless day. It dawned upon us bright and balmy, as though it was in harmony with the glad truth which Christians on that day commemorate. Its peaceful beauty helped to attune the hearts of the faithful to sing the triumphant song of the Resurrection Morning. We went to church meditating upon the awakening life of nature as symbolizing the new power imparted to ruined sinners by the Risen Lord, and ready to join with gladness in the holy services of the day. Imagine, then, our pleasure at seeing that loving hands had been busy in beautifying the house of the Lord in honor of the high festival. The altar was arrayed in spotless white. Flowers placed thereon

lent their beauty and fragrance to give it a more festal appearance. Ferns and lilies with their delicate fronds and graceful forms hid the stone font. There was adornment without profusion, and splendor without pretence. The picture of simple beauty was complete when the choristers and clergy filed into the crowded church singing 'Christ the Lord is risen to-day.'

"The service was begun and maintained upon a high plane of devotion, and all present, whose hearts were really in the worship, must have felt that it was indeed good to be there.

"The choir of fourteen boys and six men rendered the musical part of the service very effectively, under the direction of Mr. Burfoot, and for the first time assisted at the celebration of the Holy Communion, singing the Trisagion, the Agnus Dei and the gloria in Excelsis with much feeling and devotion.

"The service in the evening was also one of great interest and worthy of remembrance. The Bishop then made his visitation to the parish, preached the sermon and confirmed a class of fourteen. The service was of the same festal character as that of the morning. The presence of the Bishop and the festival nature of this service brought many visitors to the church, so that some had to stand during the whole evening, while others had to go away, being unable even to find standing room.

"It was a rare opportunity to show to strangers the beauty and reverence of the church's ways, and as no service is without its effect, we may hope that the worship rendered and the words spoken at these Easter services will be like seed cast into the ground, that will bring forth fruit in due season, which fruit our Lord will reap in His own good time to the honor of His name and the benefit of His Holy Church."

At the congregational meeting on Easter Monday, April 7, about twenty-five members were present, a number rather above the average attendance on such occasions. In addition to the election of a vestry, several matters of interest to the parish took place. A legacy of \$100 was received from the estate of the late Maria L. Bigham, and it was decided to add this gift to the Maria Adams Endowment Fund

of the parish. A vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Samuel Harper for the gift of two handsome chandeliers for the church.

We here record the financial report of the parish made at this meeting;

FINANCIAL REPORT.—EASTER MONDAY, 1890.

GENERAL FUND.

Plate offerings and donations toward current expenses.....	\$404.21	
Plate offerings for special objects	159.33	
Rec'd on pledges to rector's salary.....	532.30	
		<u>\$1,095.84</u>
Paid towards general expenses...	371.08	
Paid—special objects	158.33	
Paid rector, on account.....	268.05	
		<u>797.46</u>
Balance.....		\$298.38
On hand for expense.....	\$33.13	
On hand for rector.....	264.25	
On hand for special.....	1.00	
		<u>\$298.38</u>

CONTINGENT FUND.

Net proceeds of recent fair.....	\$275.14	
Paid assessment for opening Bertha street..	41.99	
Balance.....		<u>\$215.15</u>

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

On hand and rec'd from classes. .	\$86.96	
Lenten Mite boxes.....	56.85	
		<u>\$143.81</u>
General expense.....	42.10	
Paid treasurer of Diocesan Mis-		
sions.....	56.85	
		<u>98.95</u>
Balance.....		\$ 44.86

GRACE CHURCH GUILD.

On hand and dues paid in.....	\$ 41.11	
Expenses—warrants paid.....	21.09	
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Balance.....		\$ 20.02

FINANCIAL REPORT—CONTINUED.

MARIA ADAMS ENDOWMENT FUND.

On hand Easter, 1889.....	\$683.60	
Interest.....	27.53	
Annual offering, Advent, 1889...	21.00	
		<u>732.13</u>
A bequest from Maria L. Bigham, deceased, will be added to this fund.....		95.00

And then, total..... \$827.13

By resolution of the rector and vestry, the principal of this fund is not to be used; but in time its income may be applied to special objects, or even to ordinary expenses.

LADIES' MITE SOCIETY.

Balance in hand of treasurer.....	\$23.00
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RECAPITULATION.

	On hand and Received	Disbursements
Vestry.....	\$1,095.84	\$797.46
Contingent fund.....	257.14	41.99
Sunday School.....	143.81	98.95
Guild.....	41.11	21.09
Maria Adams Fund.....	827.13
Mite Society.....	23.00
Balance, all funds.....		<u>1,428.54</u>
	<u>\$2,388.03</u>	<u>\$2,388.03</u>

From the organization of the parish down to this time (Easter, 1890) there had been but one service on Sunday, and a session of the Sunday School. Now the rector determined to give also an evening service every other Sunday, beginning with Sunday, May 11. This plan was adopted because the rector was doubtful whether he could undertake two full services every Sunday in addition to his other duties, which taxed severely his time and his strength. It may be here stated that this arrangement of the services continued until the beginning of Lent, 1892, when the rector began to hold two services each Sunday, morning and evening, and has continued this ever since.

In the fall of 1890 one of the bright and promising young women of Grace Church was taken from us by that dreaded disease, consumption. She was a

cheerful, happy-hearted girl, intelligent and comely, and gave promise of a noble and useful womanhood. The following notice of her death appeared in GRACE CHURCH RECORD, December, 1890:

EMILY McMILLIN.

On Sunday, November 30, 1890, Emily McMillin, the second daughter of John S. and Mary Bindley McMillin, after an illness of several months was called to rest, in the nineteenth year of her age. Early in the spring symptoms of disease appeared that alarmed her friends, and by the advice of her physician she was taken to Colorado, with the hope that the climate and the change might bring relief and restore her health. There everything was done that medical skill and good nursing could accomplish, but it soon became apparent that all was in vain. Her cough increased, her strength steadily failed, and soon she was confined to her chair. In this state of weakness the beautiful traits of her character became strikingly evident. Patient, gentle, trustful, she waited in peace the change that all saw was speedily coming. No word of complaint or murmuring escaped her. Thoughtful, as ever was her wont, for the kind friends who watched by her and were anxious to anticipate all her wants, she suffered in silence to spare them anxiety and grief. * * *

At length, when all hope of improvement was gone, she desired to be brought home. She bore the long journey with remarkable fortitude, and when she reached the city the thought of weariness and weakness was forgotten in the peaceful comfort of being again in her own home surrounded by those she loved. Then again the watching by her side was taken up by her parents and friends. Day by day she grew weaker, and at length just two weeks after her return, the end came. It was Sunday morning. She felt that she was going, and calling all her family around her, requested them not to leave her. The day wore on. Finally, calling them to her side one by one, she kissed them and bade them good-bye, taking leave of her father last. She then seemed satisfied, and closing her eyes, passed away as in a peaceful sleep.

"Asleep in Jesus. Oh, how sweet,
To be for such a slumber meet."

She was taken away in the full flush of young womanhood; but we would not say her death was premature, for the all-wise and loving Father, whose child she was, knows best.

She was baptized in infancy, by the present rector, and grew up in the church, receiving her religious instruction in the services of the church and in the Sunday School. When of proper age she was confirmed and admitted to the Holy Communion, and thus the regular development of her Christian character went on with her increasing years, under the teaching and guidance of the church; and she always had the comfort of believing and feeling that she was a child of God. Thus she lived a beautiful life, and all her friends knew how good and true she was. We will not, then, think of her as one lost to us, but as one sharing the rest of the people of God; and when we call her virtues to mind, we will thank God for the bright example of His dear child, for her gentle spirit, her child-like faith, her calm trust in His mercy.

CHANGES BY REMOVALS.

Early in 1891 there were several changes in the parish, by removals, that deserve to be mentioned. Mr. John Bindley, who for about nine years had been an active worker in the parish and had filled for most of that time the position of vestryman and warden, moved, on the first of February, to his new home in the city, on Fifth Avenue, near Aiken Street. He had come up to Mount Washington in 1882, and had made his home in the old Boggs residence, on Boggs Avenue, and become a regular attendant of the services of Grace Church, taking also a full share in all the efforts made to promote the interests of the parish. His constancy and his liberality were great helps in the parish, and all regretted his removal.

In April of the same year occurred another removal, which was also a great loss to the parish. The family of Mr. Joshua Goldthorp moved to Wilkesburg and became members of St. Stephen's parish. Mrs. Goldthorp had long been one of the parish's most active workers. For more than ten years she had been a sort of leader in all musical and

social matters in the parish. Her sweet, rich voice and her skill in managing entertainments rendered her services to the church invaluable. She had been the chief singer in the choir for several years; she had organized and trained in 1886 the first boy choir of the church, besides taking a principal part in all the entertainments of the parish for church or social purposes. Her removal was, therefore, keenly felt. It is a pleasure, however, to know that Grace Church's loss is another's gain, and that Mrs. Goldthorp's zeal and ability are still doing good service for the church in another field.

This year (1891) was marked also by several changes in the leadership of the choir. Early in February the precentor, Richard Burfoot, resigned, after a year's service, and soon thereafter Mr. M. L. Stout, long the faithful organist of the church, expressed his wish to retire. These two resignations left the choir without a master, and the church without an organist, and caused, for about two months, serious interruption to the music of the congregation.

On the first of April, however, the vestry secured the services of Daniel Doré Ezechiels, a fine musician and a skillful choir-master, who at once set to work with enthusiastic vigor to reorganize and drill the choir. In a few months he brought it to a higher state of efficiency than it had ever reached before. In speaking of the matter, Mr. Ezechiels said: "If the choir's improvement has been satisfactory, it is largely due to the generous assistance of the rector and vestry and to the cheering encouragement of the ladies of the Mite Society; but it is particularly due to the members of the reorganized choir themselves, every one of whom has done his best."

During the summer vacation, new choir-stalls were put in the church, a new robing room was built, and electrical signals connecting the organ and the robing room were supplied by the liberality of Mr. William Naysmith. When the services were resumed in September the choir was in good training and the music very acceptable. It was evident that the boys were in the hands of a skillful master.

But the church was not to have the services of Mr. Ezechiels for any considerable time. In October he received an offer from St. John's Church,

Amesbury, Mass., to take charge of their choir, with the promise of a much larger salary than Grace Church could pay him; and so the rector and vestry agreed, at his request, to release him on the first of December, from his contract with them, and he left and went to Massachusetts. They then engaged Mr. James Dodworth, late of Sheffield, England, to fill the vacancy. He proved to be an efficient choir-master, and during his incumbency very successfully maintained the musical part of the service.

The Sunday School of the parish has long been very successfully conducted by the earnest efforts of Mr. John C. Shaler, our faithful Superintendent. Notwithstanding engrossing duties which keep him very busy all the week, he devotes a large portion of each Lord's Day to Sunday School work. He gathers about him a band of effective teachers, whom he inspires with a large share of his own enthusiasm.

Two occasions in the church year are of special interest to the Sunday School—the Christmas festival, and the Whitsunday afternoon service. The Christmas festival of this year, in accordance with a long-established custom, was held on the evening of Holy Innocents Day (December 28, 1891). The attendance was large, completely filling the school-room. The rector held a short service and addressed the children. The singing of carols, the distribution of Christmas presents, and the general good cheer of the company, all combined to make the festival a very pleasing event. It is not, however, these features of the occasion, but the record of the attendance of the scholars, that we desire to note here. This record gives evidence of the interest of scholars and teachers in their school, as shown in the regular attendance of such a large proportion of the pupils. All those mentioned in the following classes attended thirty-five or more Sundays during the past year, reckoned from Advent to Advent, leaving out the month of August, during which the school is closed.

Miss Bigham's class: George Reed, Willie Kenah, Willie Hughes, Frank Bond, Oscar Torrence, Harry Butterfield.

Miss Bowman's class: Kate Needham, Josephine Needham, Mary Williams, Emma Henry, Rachel Waite.

Miss Armiger's class: Thomas Eicher, Frank Glaize, George Glaize, Albert Heinrich, Christian Heinrich, Samuel Howarth.

Mr. Williams's class: Nellie Naysmith, Jeannette McKain, Ella McKain, Alice Gould, Sadie Glaize, Lydia Eicher, Violet Bollman.

Miss Lizzie Hughes's class: Willie Girvan, George Swerger, Fred. Swerger, Lewis McKain, Edward Gould, Willie Niven, Paul Harper.

Miss Newell's class: Alice Williams, Mary Williams, Eliza Williams, Maggie Alstadt, Edith Minsinger, Lillie Heinrich.

Miss Annie Hughes's class: Aaron Speer, Willie Jones, Harry Reed, Albert Turbett, Joseph Ashford, Eddie Zehfuss, Stanley Wilmot, George Wilmot, Albion McMillin.

Miss Ream's class: Lenora Ashford, Margaret Ashford, May Minsinger, Carrie Minsinger.

Mrs. Shaler's class: Rosie Naysmith, Cora Bowman, Annie Armiger, Sadie Armstrong, May Cargo, Mary Ashford.

Mrs. Harper's class: Ida Newell, Ardella Armstrong.

Miss Rebecca Torrence's class: Alfred Bowman, Joseph Needham, Harry Needham, Albert Glaize.

Miss Kenah's class: Carrie Howarth, Sadie Minsinger, Maud Minsinger, Lulie Stout, Annie Loud-erbaugh.

Mrs. McKain's class: Howard Niven, Willie Loud-erbaugh, Robert Naysmith, John Patton, John Wherry.

We record with pleasure in the history of the church this "Roll of Honor." As "men are but children of a larger growth," we venture to predict that these same persons will be found to be constant and faithful in the duties of mature life. "He that is faithful in the least thing will also be faithful in that which is much."

We repeat here the hours of service and the parish directory, as given in the parish paper, GRACE CHURCH RECORD, for June, 1892.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH,
Cor. Bertha and Sycamore Streets,
Mt. Washington.
Thirty-second Ward, Pittsburgh, Pa.

HOURS OF SERVICE.

SUNDAYS:

Morning Prayer and Sermon, 10:30 o'clock.

Evening Prayer and Sermon, 7:30 o'clock.

Holy Communion, First Sunday of each month.

Baptisms, any Sunday except first Sunday of the month.

Sunday School at 9:30 A. M.; Mission School, Duquesne Heights, 2:30 P. M.

PARISH DIRECTORY.

RECTOR,

Rev. Robert John Coster, Penn Avenue and Fourth Street.

THE VESTRY.

Meets at 8 P. M. on the first Tuesday of each month, at residence of Captain McMillin.

Alfred Marland, *Senior Warden*.

O. H. Stinson, *Junior Warden*.

William P. Linhart, *Treasurer*.

John C. Shaler, Jr., *Secretary*.

Thomas F. Ashford, John S. McMillin, O. W. Sadler, M. D., *Vestrymen*.

CHOIR.

Organist and Directress, Miss Taylor.

Assistant, Mr. Samuel Kenah.

Librarian, Robert Revelvey.

Sacristan, G. Fred Johnson.

Cantoris (trebles)—Harry Needham. R., Walkmeyer, Aaron Speer, Hunter Dewsnap, William Jones, Charles Heinrich, Herman Soffel.

Decani (trebles)—Noel Montreville, Herman Heisler, Harry Read, Willie Smith, George Glaize, Harry Hetling, Herman Heinrich, Sylvester S. Sweeney.

Altos—William J. McCaddon, James L. McKain.

Tenors—William J. White, Ed. Gould, Will Urwin.

Bassos—Robert Revelvey, G. Fred Johnson, E. C. Shaler, William Groves, Samuel Kenah, H. G. Shaler.

Ushers—Thomas F. Ashford, Jr., Ed. C. Purkey,
Thomas G. Bond, George A. Johnson.

GRACE CHURCH GUILD.

Meets in Sunday School room, third Thursday of each
month, at 8 P. M.

President, George A. Johnson.

Vice President, Thomas G. Bond.

Treasurer, Joseph S. Bollman.

Secretary, Robert Revelvey.

Executive Committee, Thomas F. Ashford, Jr.,
William L. Bond, Thomas Jones, G. P. Whaley,
George Brokaw.

TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION.

Meets at call of President.

President, Mrs. Helen Harper.

Secretary, Miss Bessie Kenah.

Treasurer, G. P. Whaley.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent, John C. Shaler, Jr.,

Organists, Miss Bessie Kenah and Miss Ardella
Armstrong.

Librarian, G. P. Whaley.

Classes and Teachers.

Bishop Kerfoot—Miss E. A. Bigham.

Star of Bethlehem—Miss Hattie Bowman.

Christian Soldiers—Miss Ida Armiger.

Robert J. Coster—Miss Ardella Armstrong.

Bishop Whitehead—Miss Lizzie Hughes.

Bishop Lyman—Miss Annie M. Newell.

The King's Sons—Miss Annie Hughes.

Bishop Bowman—Miss Ida Newell.

Infant Gleaners—Mrs. Helen Harper.

Daughters of Grace—Miss Kate Ream.

Maria L. Bigham—Mrs. N. R. Shaler.

Young Evangelists—Miss Rebecca Torrence.

The Bible Class—Miss Louise G. Taylor.

St. Dorcas—Miss Bessie Kenah.

Superintendent's—Mrs. Margaret McKain.

DUQUESNE HEIGHTS MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent, John C. Shaler, Jr.

Organist, Miss Madge Florence.

Classes and Teachers.

Charity Circle.....	Mrs. Laverty.
Robert J. Coster Juniors.....	Mrs. Wm. L. Bond.
The Young Churchmen.....	Mrs. Lowe.
Earnest Workers.....	Mrs. Purkey.
Lambs of the Fold.....	Mrs. Richards.

 MITE SOCIETY OF GRACE CHURCH.

Meets alternate Wednesdays, at 2 P. M.

President, Mrs. A. M. Whittier.

Vice President, Mrs. M. A. Thompson.

Treasurer, Mrs. J. S. McMillin.

Secretary, Mrs. Nellie R. Shaler.

Executive Committee, Mrs. Bond, Mrs. Linhart, Mrs. Niven, Mrs. Florence, Mrs. Bollman.

Altar Committee, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Linhart, Mrs. Naysmith, Mrs. McMillin, Mrs. Armiger, Mrs. Speer, Mrs. Shaler, Mrs. McKain, Mrs. Bollman, Mrs. Torrence.

Visiting Committee, District No. 1—Mrs. Armiger, Mrs. Shaler. District No. 2—Mrs. Linhart, Mrs. Montreville. District No. 3—Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. Perkey. District No. 4—Mrs. Harper, Mrs. McMillin. District No. 5—Mrs. Whittier, Mrs. Coward.

 BISHOP WHITEHEAD CIRCLE, DUQUESNE HEIGHTS.

President, Mrs. Bond.

Vice Presidents, Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Laverty.

Treasurer, Mrs. Florence.

Secretary, Mrs. Richards.

 THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY (MISSION BAND).

Meets alternate Wednesdays, at 7:30 P. M., at residence of Mrs. Armstrong, 66 Southern Avenue.

President, Miss Ardella Armstrong.

Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Ida Newell.

Organist, Miss Nellie Read.

 MEMBERS OF THE PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY.

Mrs. J. S. McMillin, Mrs. W. P. Linhart, Mrs. J. C. Shaler.

A few changes will be noted in this list when compared with that taken from the parish paper for March, 1890. Mr. James Dodworth, who succeeded Mr. Ezechiels as choirmaster and organist on December 1, 1891, left us on the first of June, 1892, and accepted an engagement as organist of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh. The withdrawal of Mr. Dodworth was a great loss to the parish and choir, as he was a very competent and successful choirmaster.

Miss Louise G. Taylor was employed to fill the vacancy, and under her management the music was very acceptably rendered. She continued to hold the position of organist and directress until October 1, 1893, when, from pressure of duty as teacher in the Mount Washington public school, she was obliged to resign. During her incumbency the choir consisted of six men and fourteen boys, and maintained a fair degree of efficiency.

MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL, DUQUESNE HEIGHTS.

A Sunday School was opened Sunday, June 12, 1892, on Duquesne Heights, by some of the church women of the neighborhood, for the benefit of the children living in that part of the parish who were unable to attend the parish Sunday School. The chief promoters of the undertaking were Mrs. W. L. Bond, Mrs. James Florence, Mrs. J. J. Lowe, Mrs. W. P. Linhart, Mrs. E. C. Purkey and Mrs. Fred. Richards. Mr. John C. Shaler, the parish Sunday School superintendent, took charge of this work also, and under his direction the school was regularly organized and the sessions held in Grandview Hall, corner of Grandview Avenue and Oneida street. It has been doing good work in caring for the younger children of the parish in that vicinity, and now, at the end of the third year, has an attendance of eight teachers and about seventy children.

The fall of this year was marked by the loss of one of our devout and faithful workers, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Smithson, a widow, aged sixty years. She had been raised a Methodist, but after attending the services for some time with her daughter, she became fully satisfied that she found in the Church's teaching and worship the help and comfort that she needed. She therefore decided to present herself

for confirmation, and after attending the rector's instructions during the Lenten season of 1886 she was confirmed March 21, and was at once admitted to the Holy Communion. She continued a consistent and earnest servant of her Divine Master to the end. She received her last communion during her final illness, on October 29, with the rector and her daughter Edith, and died in peace, full of faith and hope, on All Saints Day, November 1, 1892. And thus another was added to the list of devout souls who have gone out from our midst to the rest of the paradise of God's elect.

As the year passed by the work of the parish went on about as usual, marked by the ordinary changes and disappointments that attend all human undertakings. The struggle to raise the funds necessary to maintain the church's work for her Divine Master and the difficulty of harmonizing the conflicting opinions and wishes of even the most faithful workers are never entirely absent from the most united and devout parish. All, however, should be grateful, as the rector certainly is, for the harmony and confidence which have for the most part prevailed.

In the march of events, Christmas came, and with it the special services and festivities which mark the season.

Christmas Day was very cold and snowy, and many were kept from the church by the intense inclemency of the weather. The church had been becomingly dressed with evergreens and flowers, and the choir of men and boys, under the direction of Miss Taylor, the organist, had carefully prepared appropriate music; and the beauty of the decorations and the heartiness of the music counteracted to some extent the biting keenness of the cold. The congregation at the morning service was fairly representative, and the worship hearty and devout. Eighteen communed.

The Christmas festival for the children of the Sunday School was held on December 30, the Friday after Christmas. It was held this year for the first time, in the church instead of in the school room. This was done at the suggestion of the assistant

superintendent, Mr. Percy Whaley, who wished to introduce some new features which he hoped would give additional interest to the occasion and serve as an object lesson to the children. He and some of the young men of the church, therefore, added to the church's decoration a Jacob's Ladder, placed against the chancel arch and dressed in the Church colors. At 7.30 P. M. about 150 children, with their teachers and friends, assembled, completely filling the church.

The rector held a short service, consisting of the Lord's Prayer, the Psalter, a lesson, a chant and a few collects. He then made an address, in which, after he had told them of the blessed truth which Christmas calls to mind, and of the cause of our rejoicing in the message brought by the angels, "Unto you is born in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord," he turned to the Ladder and explained to them the emblematic significance of the Church colors—white, red, green, purple and black—brought so distinctly to their notice in the decoration of the successive rungs of the ladder. This explanation much interested the children, and, as the rector afterward learned from some of those present, also gave great satisfaction to many of the older members of the congregation, as it made plain to them what they had not before understood.

The vested choir was present in the stalls and joined the children in singing the Christmas hymns and carols, and by their assistance added much to the heartiness of the music and to the jubilant nature of the festivities.

The address and singing were not the only features of the festival. To complete the pleasure of the little ones, books and candies were distributed among them, and a small present was made to each member of the choir as a kindly token that their volunteer efforts in aiding in the church music were really appreciated.

On the following evening, Saturday, December 31, 1892, the Mission Sunday School of the parish on Duquesne Heights, held its festival, in Grandview Hall. About 40 scholars and their teachers assembled and many of their parents and friends also took part

in the festivities. The rector was present and made a short address. The children sang their carols and received presents of books, candy and fruit, and were specially reminded of the great gift of our Heavenly Father to His people in sending to them His Son to be the Saviour of the world. The great value of these festivals lies in the fact that they give opportunity to impress upon the minds of the children of the church the great truth that Christ was born to be the Saviour of the world. This is sufficient reason to make church people cling to this great festival and teach their children to observe it.

The year 1893 was marked by some events in the parish's history which deserve notice, as they show the changes brought by the passage of time.

Lent brought to the rector, as usual, the extra services of the season and the frequent meetings of his confirmation class. While he was busy preparing for the Bishop's visitation and all were looking forward to a joyous Easter, he and the congregation were startled by the sudden death of Captain John S. McMillin, one of the oldest and best known members of Grace Church.

On Saturday morning, March 11, the rector was sitting in his study preparing for the services of the following Sunday, and about 11 o'clock Mr. Alfred Marland, a vestryman, came in and informed him that "the Captain," as he was familiarly called, had died suddenly that morning on Grandview Avenue. He was on his way to the city in company with Miss Elizabeth Kenah a little after 9 o'clock, and when a few yards beyond Stanwix street he suddenly threw his hand to his head with an exclamation of pain, sank down upon the pavement and died in a few minutes. He was picked up and carried into the nearest house, but there was nothing to be done by the doctor and friends who had gathered around him except to convey his lifeless body to his home. Three days later, Tuesday, March 14, at 2 P. M., the funeral service was held at the family residence, and his remains were buried the same afternoon in Allegheny Cemetery, the large gathering of friends and acquaintances who attended certifying to the respect with which he was regarded in the community where he had resided for more than forty years.

Captain McMillin was in some respects a remarkable man. He was very tall and large limbed; he had a strong face, a thick-set beard, and a large, well-formed head. His whole appearance was such as would attract attention in any community. His intellectual faculties, too, were of a high order. His mind was keen and grasping, and his memory vigorous and retentive; and although he had had but few advantages in the way of education, yet he possessed much general information, and was a very interesting talker. In his quaint, vigorous manner he could give a very picturesque account of his experiences in life. He did not talk much of himself, but in the circle of his intimate friends the details of his early life in Georgetown, and his later exploits on the river as captain of a steamboat, sometimes formed entertaining and amusing subjects of conversation.

He had a blunt, half-joking way of saying things that occasionally offended strangers; but those who knew him well, could see beneath all the goodness of heart and the depth of honesty in the man, and therefore loved and respected him for his real worth. His invention of the steam capstan, used on all the river boats, and his vigorous defence of his rights under his patent, gave him notoriety among steamboat men, while his tall ungraceful form and his peculiarities of manner and speech made him one of the most familiar figures in his neighborhood, and will serve to keep the memory of him fresh for a long time to come.

His connection with Grace Church was close for about forty years, and during much of that time he was one of its regular communicants and steady supporters. He was a warm friend of the rector, whom he always greeted with kind words and received in his home with a cordial welcome. A fuller sketch of his life will be found elsewhere in this book.

Bishop Whitehead made his annual visitation to the congregation on the evening of the 15th of March, the fifth Wednesday in Lent, and administered the rite of confirmation. During this visit, accompanied, by the rector, he called on Mrs. Mary B. McMillin, the widow of the late John S. McMillin, who had been buried only the day before, to condole with her and her family in their sudden bereavement.

The festival of Easter, which came this year on April 2, was invested with more than usual interest for the rector, as it was the twenty-fifth anniversary of his rectorship of Grace Church. The day was clear and cool, with a touch of dawning spring; the congregation which assembled for worship was large, devout and sympathetic; the altar and font of the church had been decorated by loving hands with beautiful plants and flowers; the music by the vested choir of twelve boys and four men, under the direction of Miss Taylor, was bright and appropriate to the high festival, and everything seemed to combine to make the day joyous and comforting to rector and people. The glad thoughts of the risen Christ which filled the hearts of all as they joined in the beautiful service were intensified in the mind of the rector by the thought of God's goodness to him through all the twenty-five years in which he had ministered to his people, and also by the additional thought that he still possessed their love and confidence. At the same time, however, there was a sad strain in his reflections, awakened by the many changes which these years had brought. Only a few of those to whom he had first ministered were still left. One by one God had called His servants of this household to their account, diminishing the number here in the Church Militant, but increasing the Church's treasures in the land of the departed, swelling the number of the "Blessed."

"For these Thy saints who from their labor rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blest."

In the spring of this year the church building was painted on the exterior, the funds for this purpose having been raised chiefly by a lawn fête gotten up by Mrs. Thomas F. Ashford, Sr., with the assistance of the ladies of the congregation. A little later a new roof was added, thus putting the exterior of the church in thorough repair.

The church was closed during July and August of this year, owing to the absence of the rector, who went with his wife to the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, and then on to Denver and through the Rocky Mountains to Salt Lake City. This trip was the means of much pleasure and recreation to the

rector and his wife, having given them the opportunity of seeing the achievements and triumphs of art and manufacture in that wonderful Exposition and the beauty and grandeur of nature in the plains and mountains.

While the rector was on his vacation, as above stated, a congregational meeting was held in July, which was largely attended, and at which the needs of the church were fully discussed. A fund of about \$400 was subscribed to pay off some debts and to make some needed improvements. Mr. Alfred Marland, the senior warden, presided, and Mr. Melville L. Stout acted as secretary; and under the leadership of Mr. John C. Shaler, Mr. Kirk Q. Bigham and Mr. George A. Johnson, the promoters of the meeting, successfully accomplished the purpose for which it was called.

On Thursday, November 2, at 8 o'clock P. M., a meeting was held in the schoolroom of the church for the purpose of organizing a guild of the younger men and women of the congregation, whose aim should be to aid in all church work, to promote mutual improvement among the members by the study of Church history and literature, and to give opportunities of social intercourse and entertainment.

Public notice was given, and at the time appointed about 30 persons attended the meeting. The rector presided and gave his assistance in forming the organization. The name "Coster Guild" was adopted as a compliment to the rector, and considerable progress was made at this meeting in adopting a constitution and rules of order for the government of the association. A second meeting was held on the following Thursday (November 9), at the same hour and place, with the rector in the chair, when the organization of the guild was fully completed and the following officers were elected: President, Percy C. Whaley; vice presidents, Lottie Marland and Ardella Armstrong; secretary, Ernest Marland; treasurer, Samuel Kenah.

The guild was formed with the hope that it would give material aid in all plans for promoting the interests of the church, and that it would also take steps in the near future to raise gradually a

fund for building a guild house on the rear part of the church lot, a necessary adjunct to the successful prosecution of the guild's work.

The guild soon after its organization appointed a committee, consisting of Ernest Marland and Percy C. Whaley, to make arrangements for a course of lectures to be delivered monthly in the school-room of the church during the winter and spring of 1893-'94. They provided the following course, which was successfully given as arranged in the programme:

December 7, 1893, Rev. George Hodges, D. D.—
"Pittsburgh's industries"

January 10 1894, Rev. Marisson Byllesby—
"Church music."

The Rev. Mr. Byllesby was unable to keep his appointment through illness, and the Rev. E. A. Angel kindly took his place and delivered a very entertaining lecture on "The art of putting things."

February 7, 1894, Rev. William R. Mackay—
"The good old times."

March 6, 1894, Rev. John Crocker White, D. D.—
"The Scandinavian reformation."

April 11, 1894, Rev. Alfred Arundel—"The coming man."

May 2, 1894, Rt. Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead, D. D.—"Thomas à Becket."

June 6, 1894, Rev. Robert John Coster—"The English Reformation."

We record here the grateful thanks of the rector and the guild to the reverend gentlemen whose great kindness rendered it possible for the congregation to enjoy the entertainment and instruction which these lectures afforded.

During the fall of 1893 the rector, wishing to awaken among his people an increased interest in missions and to inform them more fully in regard to what the Church is doing for the spread of the gospel at home and abroad, delivered four addresses as follows:

Sunday evening, October 29, 1893—"Missionary work in Japan and China; its importance and its possibilities."

Sunday evening, November 5, 1893—"Missionary work in Africa; the extent of the country; the vast heathen population; their probable influence upon

the future of the continent, and what is being done to protect them from slave-traders and to convert them to Christianity."

Sunday evening, November 12, 1893—"Missions in our Western territory; their importance to our country and our church."

Sunday evening, November 19, 1893—"Missions among the negroes of the South; their importation to this country as slaves; the wrongs inflicted upon them by slavery, and our duty as Christian people to give them the Gospel and to educate them."

CHRISTMAS, 1893.

Christmas, as usual, brought with it special services and festivities, which relieved somewhat the dullness caused by the general depression in all branches of business. It came on Monday, a cold, damp and disagreeable day. Service was held at 10 o'clock A. M., but only a small congregation assembled numbering about 45. The church was prettily dressed with evergreens and flowers, presenting a festal and cheering appearance in keeping with the day. The vested choir was present and the service was beautifully and heartily rendered. The Holy Communion was administered, 16 persons partaking.

After the service the rector and choir assembled in the rear of the church and had a good photograph taken of the group before hastening home to their Christmas dinner. The photographer, Mr. Heppenstall, also took an excellent picture of the interior of the church, for distribution among the members of the congregation.

Thursday, December 28, Holy Innocents Day, the usual festival for the Sunday School was held, at 7:30 P. M. The attendance was very large. The rector held a short service, made an address and read Phillips Brook's "Christmas Carol." The children sang their carols and Messrs. William Groves, John Boyce and Samuel Kenah rendered "We three Kings of Orient are," the choir and Sunday school joining in the chorus.

Presents of books and candy to the children and small sums of money to the boys of the choir brought the festivities to a close and sent the young folks to their homes rejoicing.

On the next evening, Friday December 29, the festival of the Mission School on Duquesne Heights was held in Grandview Hall. The rector was present, held a short service and addressed the children. About 40 children were present, who greatly enjoyed the festivities and varied the entertainment by singing carols and giving recitations, under the direction of Mrs. E. C. Purkey and Miss Harriett Lowe.

The children gave the rector great pleasure by presenting to him, as a token of their affection and good wishes, a beautiful Japanese silk muffler for a Christmas gift.

The year 1893 was a disastrous one financially. There was great depression in all branches of business and thousands of persons were thrown out of work. The result was great suffering among the poor and great privation even among well-to-do workmen. Contributions of money and provisions were made by the churches on Mount Washington to relieve the suffering, and Grace Church appointed a committee to assist in the distribution and took its part in alleviating the distress. In the city large sums of money were subscribed and used to give work to the unemployed in improving the city parks. The distress was, therefore, not an unmitigated evil, as it called forth the liberality of the charitable for the relief of the destitute, and showed to this incredulous age that mercy and kindness still exist and that human hearts are still moved by human suffering.

The Lenten season of the spring of 1894 was used as a time for increased spiritual opportunities and obligations. Special services were held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 and Friday afternoons at 4 o'clock. The rector met weekly a class of thirteen young people, and prepared them for confirmation. On Palm Sunday evening, March 18, the Bishop visited the parish and confirmed these candidates. The evening was fine, the church crowded and the service altogether an interesting and helpful one, while many strangers had the opportunity of hearing the Church's service and learning something of her reverent mode of worship.

New Hymnals and new Prayer Books, two of each, were placed in the chancel, for use in public worship, on February 18, 1894, the second Sunday in Lent. The money to purchase them was raised by Elizabeth Torrence and Mary A. Whaley, two members of the Sunday School. They are fine editions of the Revised Prayer Book and the new Hymnal set forth by the General Convention of 1892, bound in black morocco, and they took the place of a set used since the reopening of the church in 1869, which had been supplied by the Sunday School class of that year taught by Mr. John C. Shaler. These old ones are still in good condition after twenty-six years of use, and have been laid away in the vestry room to be preserved as mementos of the past.

The next Sunday was Easter (March 25), a cold, cloudy day, threatening snow, and very disagreeable on account of the high wind prevailing. Yet notwithstanding the disagreeable weather, the rector was greatly pleased to see a large congregation assembled in church to join in the services of the great festival. Loving hearts, as expressive of their joy, had tastefully dressed the chancel with flowers and plants, whose beauty and fragrance harmonized with the glad thoughts of the hour, and the choir sharing the joy of the day, sang the Easter anthem and hymns with a spirit which filled the worshipers with assurance of victory over sin and death; and the words of Hymn 121:

"The strife is o'er, the battle done;
The victory of life is won,"

and those of Hymn 122,

"Jesus lives! thy terrors now
Can no longer, Death, appall us."

fitly expressed the feelings of devout minds rejoicing in the risen Christ.

The rector chose as the text for his sermon, "Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead."—I Corinthians xv, 20, 21, and dwelt specially upon the truth that we have the hope of immortal life only in the risen Christ. The Holy Communion was administered, 40 members of the congregation receiving.

Some changes have taken place in the choir, which may be mentioned as a not unimportant part of the history of the church. Miss L. Taylor resigned the charge of the organ and choir on October 1, 1893, and was succeeded by Miss Shannon, who was elected as organist, Mr. William Groves consenting to act as choir director. She continued to serve very acceptably until February 1, 1894, when she resigned and was succeeded by Melville L. Stout, who then took charge of the choir, resuming the position which he had formerly held for a number of years. He still continues to hold the position giving his services as a freewill offering toward the support of the public worship of the parish.

The choir at Easter of this year (1894) we may here record, was composed of four men and twelve boys, their names being the following:

Men—William Groves, Samuel Kenah, John Boyce, Fred Johnson.

Boys—Fred Bowman, David Nease, Frank Glaize, Harry Needham, Adam Heisler, Joseph Needham, Herman Heisler, Edward Schmidt, Christ. Heinrich, William Smith, Harry Hetling, John Zelk.

Organist and choirmaster—Melville L. Stout.

Organ blower—Harry Butterfield.

The passing of time is constantly bringing changes; men come and go, and things never continue in one stay. In these changes the parish has recently lost by removals several very helpful families. In the fall of the year 1893 Mrs. Mary B. McMillin, widow of the late John S. McMillin, closed her house on Grandview Avenue and moved with her children to California, thus severing a family connection with the parish which had existed for more than thirty years.

At Easter of the year 1894 Dr. Orin W. Sadler sold his residence on Grandview Avenue and moved his family to Penn Avenue, in the city, terminating thereby a connection with the parish of nearly twelve years' standing. The doctor's removal was a great loss to the parish, on account of his intelligent and sympathetic interest in all its affairs, he having been a vestryman most of the time he was in the parish and having been an active promoter of all plans undertaken for futhering its interests.

Later in the year the parish lost another family, that of Mr. William Groves, which had been for some time closely identified with its work. Mr. Groves was for several years a very efficient and helpful member of the choir, and, owing to his genial manner and delicate tact, was a sort of leader in all musical and social entertainments. At the time of the removal of his family from the parish he, as a vestryman and as the director of the choir, was rendering valuable services to the church; and all regretted that the exigencies of business required him to move down to Fifth Avenue, and thus to sever his connection with the parish.

Whitsunday came this year May 13, and was a clear, cool and beautiful day. A congregation of a little over one hundred assembled for worship. The rector preached and administered the Holy Communion. The font and altar were beautifully dressed with dogwood blossoms gathered in Mrs. Bigham's woods. In the evening at 7:30 was held the usual annual service for the Sunday School. The church was crowded with an interesting audience. After evening prayer the rector made an address and catechised the children of the Sunday School. He urged upon the attention of the teachers and the congregation the fact that the most important part of the work of the Sunday School is that of teaching the children the Catechism, the instruction which the Church has prepared to be learned by all her little ones. The vested choir of four men and ten boys rendered the music for the day very acceptably.

On June 6, at 8 P. M. the rector delivered the last lecture in the course arranged for by the Coster Guild. A good audience, nearly filling the schoolroom, assembled and gave close attention. The rector chose as his subject, "The English Reformation," and endeavored to clear the subject of the popular misconceptions which cluster around it, and to set forth its true significance, considered politically and religiously. He also emphasized the fact that the Roman Church is in a state of schism in England, inasmuch as the adherents of the papacy withdrew from the Church of England eleven years after Elizabeth came to the throne, and then only at the instigation of the Bishop

of Rome, who, with audacious presumption and injustice excommunicated Queen Elizabeth pretended to absolve her subjects from their allegiance to their lawful sovereign, and to bestow her kingdom upon Phillip of Spain. The result was that the glaring injustice of the papacy toward Elizabeth and the futile attempt of Phillip to conquer her kingdom fired the English mind with an enthusiastic loyalty for their sovereign and with a resolute determination to maintain their national independence that soon made England the foremost nation of Europe. At the close of the lecture the ladies served refreshments, and a pleasant hour was spent in social intercourse. This ended the course of lectures, and the members of the Guild had good reason to congratulate themselves upon the success of their undertaking.

The last service before the summer vacation was held on Sunday, July, 29. The rector spent a part of his vacation with his family at his summer cottage near Cresson, Pa, but most of the time he was in the city busy preparing to move the Bishop Bowman Institute from its old location on the corner of Penn Avenue and Fourth Street to its new quarters in the East End, on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Dithridge Street.

Services were resumed on Sunday, September 2, but the rector was not present at the first service, which was conducted by a lay reader, as he went by the Bishop's appointment to Crafton to institute the Rev. Frank Steed, as rector of the Church of the Nativity.

During the vacation the interior of the church was thoroughly renovated. The walls were tastefully decorated and the woodwork repainted. The work was done by Stulen & Stoughton, of the city, under the supervision of Mr. Stulen, who twenty-six years before, in the summer of 1868, had done the same work at the reopening of the church after extensive additions and improvements.

The church building was now in complete order, both on the exterior and the interior, and there could be no need of further repairs for some time to come.

The services went on during the fall about as usual. On the first of October the rector took a severe cold,

that for some days deprived him of his voice. In consequence he was unable to officiate on Sunday, October 7, and Mr. John C. Shaler read the service morning and evening and prevented the disappointment of the congregation. The hoarseness continued for several weeks, during which time Mr. Shaler assisted the rector in the services by reading the lessons and sometimes the Litany also.

Mr. G. P. Whaley, our Sunday School superintendent, resigned on the first of October (1894) and moved to Cumberland, Md. The rector and the school regretted very much to lose so faithful and efficient a worker as Mr. Whaley. He had charge of the school about two years and was successful in his management. Luckily, Mr. John C. Shaler was at this time in a position to resume charge of the Sunday School, and the work went on without any serious interruption.

The annual meeting of the Mite Society was held on Tuesday, December 4, at 8 P. M., at the residence of Mrs. Harper, Grandview avenue and Bertha street. The following were present besides the rector: Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Whittier, Mrs. W. L. Bond, Mrs. Kenah, Miss Kenah, Mrs. J. C. Shaler, Miss Lillie Harper and Miss Eliza Bigham. The treasurer's report showed that the Mite Society had raised during the year for church purposes the sum of \$150.00. Of this they expended the following amounts:

Street paving.....	\$40.00
Paid on piano.....	50 00
Sunday School expenses.....	30.00

Total.....\$120.00

The officers for the year were: President, Mrs. Samuel Harper; vice president, Mrs. William L. Kenah; treasurer, Miss Eliza Bigham; secretary, Mrs. John C. Shaler.

The Mite Society has during the last twenty-five years been the most active and useful agency of the parish in carrying on its work. It was organized in 1868 and has continued its work with greater or less activity down to the present. The first officers of the society were the following: President, Mrs. Maria L. Bigham; treasurer, Mrs. Mary B. McMillin; secretary, Mrs. Mary Thompson.

The first work that they engaged in was the raising of funds for completing the improvements on the church which had been begun in the fall of 1865, but were not finished until the summer of 1869. They next assisted in raising the money to put stained-glass windows in the church and they furnished a part of the money to pay for the pipe organ. They have twice carpeted the church, besides supplying it with cushions; they have assisted in getting the funds to keep the church insured, and also they have helped to keep it in good repair. They raised the funds for these purposes partly by subscriptions among themselves and partly by fairs, held twice in halls down in the city, but for the most part by fairs and entertainments given in the church schoolroom.

On one occasion a Mother Goose entertainment, given under the management of Mrs. McMillin and Miss Ida Smith, assisted by Mrs. James Boggs, Mrs. Joshua Goldthorp, Mrs. Samuel Harper, Mr. E. H. Dermitt, Mr. Samuel Williams, Mr. Albert Y. Smith, Mr. Edwin Smith, and some others of the young people, was remarkably successful, as was also an entertainment of Living Statuary, given under the skilful direction of Mrs. M. Kirk. Besides this, it ought to be mentioned, that the district visiting committees and the teachers of the Sunday School have always been largely made up of members of the Mite Society.

It is a matter of great regret that the books of the society are not at hand, that a full list of the members might be given and a list of the officers of the society at the different periods of its history, and also the amounts of money stated that they have raised in all these years for the support of the church.

The flight of time brought again Christmas tide, with its usual services and festivities. On the Sunday before Christmas, 1894, after service, the rector made a visit to Mrs. Sarah S. Boggs, who was then very ill, having been confined to her bed for some months and at the time rapidly failing. He had prayers with her and spent some time at her bedside. Although it was evident to all her friends, as it was also to herself, that she would live but a short time, yet she was cheerful and self-forgotten, full of trust and hope, and anxious as ever to spare her friends trouble.

The beauty of her character and the strength of her faith shone out strikingly under her affliction. No murmur or word of complaint escaped her; no impatience or fretfulness was apparent. If a cry of pain escaped her, she would apologize for her weakness. She seemed to be waiting in peace the end that she knew was near. The rector left her, saddened by the sight of her suffering and rapid failure, but thanking God for the beauty of the patience and resignation of His faithful servant. For her there was "light in death's dark eventide."

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, 1894, dawned upon us cold and clear. As the rector went to church, accompanied by his son Charles, who was home from College for the holidays, the streets, the shop windows and the passing throngs all gave signs of the joyful festival that was at hand. The church had been appropriately decorated by the Guild with plants and evergreens. The service began at 10 o'clock A. M., with about forty persons in attendance. The vested choir of seven boys and four men were present and led the singing, assisted by six young women, who sat in the front pew beside the choir. The service was very hearty and the music good, making the rector regret that a larger congregation were not present to share in the beautiful service. After the sermon the Holy Communion was administered, when 22 persons communed.

The Mission Sunday School on Duquesne Heights held its Christmas festival on Thursday, December 27, at 4 o'clock P. M. The rector was present and the Bishop, by special request, came up to meet the Sunday School. Mr. Shaler, the superintendent, and his corps of assistants, Mrs. W. L. Bond, Mrs. E. Purkey, Mrs. W. P. Linhart, Mrs. Lowe, Miss Lowe and Miss Richard, were also present directing matters. After a short service by the rector and a few words by him to the children, the Bishop made an address to the Sunday School, setting forth the meaning of Christmas and the cause of our rejoicing at this holy season, when we thank God for the "gift of His dear Son."

The school surprised the Bishop, the rector and the superintendent by giving to each, as a Christmas

present, a handsome silk umbrella. The rector acted as spokesman in conveying their present to the Bishop and the Bishop with a few facetious words handed their presents to the rector and the superintendent.

About 75 children were present, and they sang the carols and Christmas hymns with great earnestness. About ten inches of snow lay upon the ground and the weather was intensely cold, yet this neither kept the children at home nor interfered with their enjoyment.

The next day, Friday, December 28, Holy Innocents Day, the parish Sunday School had its festival, at 7:30 P. M., in the schoolroom of the church. The rector used a few collects as an opening, and then addressed the children on the meaning of Christmas and Holy Innocents Day—love and sacrifice, the twin children of faith and obedience. There were about 120 children present, and, with their teachers and friends, they entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion. They sang their carols with great spirit, aided by the choir, and, after having received presents of books and candy, at 9 o'clock P. M. they went home rejoicing.

The new year 1895 opened cold and clear, and the weather for some weeks was intensely severe; as severe, indeed, as was ever felt in Pittsburgh. About February 7 the cold increased until the thermometer fell 10° below zero, causing great suffering. The water pipes and gas pipes froze, leaving many people without heat or water and adding greatly to the discomfort of the severe weather.

Lent began this year Wednesday, February 27, and with it the extra services provided for the season and the work of preparing a class for confirmation. Service was held every Wednesday at 7:30 P. M. and every Friday at 4 P. M. during the season. The rector met the male members of his confirmation class on Wednesday evenings after service, and the girls of the class on Friday afternoon, immediately after evening prayer.

An interesting feature in the instruction of the class was the fact that one of the members, the daughter of Mr. E. H. Dermitt, living on Stanton Avenue, East End, came regularly to Grace Church to attend

the class. Her father and mother and older sister had all been confirmed under the pastorship of the rector (they having been at that time members of the parish), and their daughter Lillian, wished also to be instructed and presented for confirmation by the same rector, and to be confirmed in the same church; and the rector was much pleased that her wish could be gratified.

The vested choir volunteered to attend the Wednesday evening Lenten services, and they came regularly every evening, and by their presence added much to the beauty and spirit of the services and won the thanks of the rector and congregation for their faithfulness.

The Friday afternoon services were attended regularly by the "Little Helpers," a number of small girls of the Sunday School, who sat in the choir and, under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Kenah, sang the hymns. They not only sang the hymns very sweetly, but by their presence added a pleasing feature to the Lenten services, and learned the lesson of aiding by personal service in maintaining and beautifying the worship of the Lord's house.

This society of small girls was organized on May 28, 1894, under the direction and government of Miss Kenah and Miss Ida Newell. They are much interested in parish work, and by the assistance of their officers have given very material aid during the past year in meeting certain pressing obligations of the parish. It may here be mentioned that on Easter Sunday morning, while the rector was visiting the Sunday School, they gave him a pleasant surprise. They handed him an envelope, and when he opened it, as they requested, he found therein the sum of \$50, a present from the society to the rector. It need hardly be said that the rector was not only surprised by this act, but that he was deeply touched by the good will of his young friends which prompted this kindness.

On Palm Sunday, April 7, at 7:30 P. M., the Bishop made his annual visitation to the parish, preached the sermon at the service and administered the rite of confirmation to a class of 13 young people. Among those confirmed was Miss Agnes McRae, a teacher

in the Bishop Bowman Institute, of which school the rector is principal, and Miss Lillian Dermitt, a daughter (as aforesaid) of Mr. E. H. Dermitt, who was formerly a member of the congregation and a vestryman, but now living in Stanton avenue, in the East End. The church was crowded with people, and there was among them a large number of children, a fact which attracted the attention of the Bishop. There is usually a goodly number of children present at the services, the rector having constantly made it a rule to encourage the children to attend public worship. He often tells them in the Sunday School that if on any day they cannot attend both Sunday School and service, he would greatly prefer that they attend the service. A habit thus formed will go with them through life. The practice of making attendance at Sunday School a substitute for public worship is, we fear, likely to form a generation of non-churchgoers; consequently, parents and the clergy should use all their influence to discourage the practice.

The festival of Easter came this year (1895) on April the 14th, and with it the twenty-seventh anniversary of the rector's connection with the parish. The solemn joy of the high festival was, therefore, intensified in the rector's mind by thoughts of past service and by gratitude for present mercies. The day was cool and cloudy, but a large congregation gathered to join in the worship. The chancel had been very tastefully dressed by the members of the Coster Guild with plants and flowers, which added much to the festal appearance of the church and highly gratified the congregation and the rector, who regard this as a fitting method of symbolizing the great truth of the Resurrection which the Church on this day commemorates, and as a lively expression of the gladness which at this time fills the hearts of the faithful.

The vested choir of 16 boys and 4 men had made careful preparation for the service, and rendered the music with great credit to themselves and great appropriateness to the occasion. The choir remained and assisted in the Communion service at which 36 persons communed.

The Easter tide rejoicings of the congregation were this year tinged with an undertone of sadness, owing to the very recent death of two aged and much respected members of the parish.

Mrs. Sarah Shaw Boggs, relict of the late Samuel Boggs, of Boggs avenue, after a long and painful illness, was laid to rest on Saturday, March 23, in Allegheny Cemetery, beside the remains of her husband. For more than two years she was a great sufferer, her strong constitution steadily yielding to encroaching disease, and yet she bore her suffering with great patience and resignation, seeming in her self-forgetfulness anxious to suppress signs of her suffering, lest she should give her friends trouble. The loving care and watchful attention of her devoted sisters, Miss Emma Bennet and Mrs. Harrison, did all that human aid could do for her relief, but nothing could stay the progress of her disease. At last, on Thursday, March 21, death came to her relief, and she passed away in faith and hope.

Mrs. Boggs was a woman of noble character, generous in disposition and faithful in every relation in life. She was born of church parents, was reared under the teachings of the Church, and was all her life a devout and faithful communicant, loving her church and taking her share in all the efforts made to promote its interests in the community. In her will she left the sum of \$100 to Grace Church as an addition to its Endowment Fund. (See obituary under the list of deaths.)

Two weeks later, April 6, 1895, another noble woman, Mrs. Adeline Matilda Whittier, widow of the late Isaac Whittier, and mother of Mrs. Samuel Harper, was taken from our midst, in the 83d year of her age. She and her husband were both born in New Hampshire, but they moved to Pittsburgh in 1836 and spent here the rest of their lives. They were for many years members of St. Andrew's Church, Ninth street, where they regularly attended as long as Mr. Whittier lived. With increasing age Mrs. Whittier found the walk from Grandview avenue to Ninth street too great for her, and she began to attend Grace Church, and for the last twelve years of her life was a regular communicant and an active sharer in all the work of the parish.

Her interest in church affairs, and her regularity in attending public worship were remarkable for one of her age, as she rarely let anything except sickness or extremely inclement weather keep her from the Sunday morning service and the monthly communion.

Mrs. Whittier indeed was a woman of sterling worth, faithful and reliable in all things. So true was she in speech and action, so sincere in her friendships, that those who once knew her and trusted her, remained her firm friends to the end. The high respect which she had won in this community was markedly shown on her eightieth birthday (Friday, September 16, 1892), when people came to her home on Mount Washington, from all parts of the city to pay their respects and to offer their congratulations. Those who saw her on that day will remember how bright and cheerful she was. The pleasing cordiality, the frank good nature and the welcoming smile which had marked her earlier days were still present in the woman of eighty years. It was a great pleasure to the rector on that day to be among those who could claim her friendship and confidence and offer to her his heartiest congratulations.

Her presence in her family was a benediction to the household. Surrounded by her grandchildren, who lavished upon her the affection and attention which youth feels for venerated age, she grew old, cheered by the smiles and love of those dear to her. There is a very interesting picture in the possession of her daughter, Mrs. Harper, which includes four generations of her family—the aged Mrs. Whittier; her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Harper; her grand-daughter, Mrs. Stanley Neely, and her great-grandson, Master Robert Bonner Neely.

Mrs. Whittier retained to a marked degree her interest in life and her cheerfulness and contentment in her declining days. The secret of this is to be found in the fact that she had a clear and abiding faith in God as her Heavenly Father. She trusted in Him through Christ, and in that trust found rest and peace. "Blessed are all they who trust in the Lord."

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

PUBLIC SCHOOLHOUSE.

The spirit of improvement which has been extending over Mount Washington for some years led, in the year 1889, to the erection of a large brick schoolhouse on the corner of Bertha and Sycamore streets opposite to the church.

The rector and congregation were somewhat anxious when they first learned that a public school was to stand so near to the church. Time, however, has shown that this anxiety was groundless, as the school children have never caused the congregation any annoyance. Moreover, the building was tastefully designed and has been surrounded by a high iron fence, and so the whole structure is quite a pleasing improvement.

PAVING THE STREETS.

For some years after the present rector began to officiate in Grace Church there were no paved streets on Mount Washington, and in consequence the streets were often almost impassable in winter and spring, owing to the depth of the mud. The rector several times in the spring of the year saw in those days of no pavements wagons loaded with furniture standing on Grandview avenue, sunk to the hubs in the mud, and abandoned by driver and team.

First Grandview avenue was paved, in the summer and fall of 1891, with angular blocks, from the Monongahela Incline Plane to the Duquesne Incline Plane, a distance of about a mile, and the sidewalks were laid in broad flagstones, the work being finished the first of November. This street, running along the bluff at an elevation of about 400 feet above the river, makes one of the finest promenades in the city.

The improvement in Grandview avenue was soon followed by the paving of other streets. In the spring of 1892 Bertha street was paved, the work being finished May 25; and in the fall of 1894 Sycamore street was sewered and paved, the work being finished January 18, 1895.

The church lot is situated on the southeast corner of these two streets, Bertha and Sycamore, fronting on the first 80 feet and extending along the second 200 feet.

The church's share of the cost of this work was as follows:

BERTHA STREET.	
Grading and paving.....	\$500.00
Flagstone sidewalk, etc.....	100.00
SYCAMORE STREET.	
Sewer.....	375.00
Grading and paving.....	550.00
Flagstone sidewalk.....	200.00
Grading church lot.....	150.00
New fence.....	125.00
Total.....	<hr/> \$2,000.00

The sum of \$2,000 was a very heavy tax on the parish, which is financially weak; but the work, in every way desirable, was a great improvement to the church property, and indeed to the whole neighborhood.

During the year 1896 the life of the parish went on about as usual. Its financial obligations were met with some difficulty, but every part of the parish work was continued with a fair amount of success. The service on Whitsunday for the Sunday School was unusually interesting. About 200 children, with their teachers and friends, were present, completely filling the church. At 3 P. M. a short service was said by the rector, and several hymns were very spiritedly sung by the children assisted by the choir, and next followed the catechising of the school, when the rector and superintendent were greatly encouraged by the ready and intelligent answers of the children.

The aim of the teaching in our Sunday School should always be to make the children of the parish intelligent churchmen and churchwomen, and this we think can best be done by a thorough study of the Catechism and the Prayer Book; hence the constant study of the one and the systematic use of the other has always been the practice in Grace Church Sunday School.

The opening of the year 1897 was a sad time in the parish, as it brought with it the loss of its most active and most useful layman. John C. Shaler, a vestryman and warden of the parish, a man in the

prime of life, who was full of plans for furthering the Master's work on Mount Washington, died, after a short illness, on Friday, January 22, 1897. He was, moreover, superintendent of the Sunday School, and also the friend and adviser of the rector. He had been so fully identified with the life and work of the parish for more than forty years that it seemed that it would be impossible to fill the place left vacant by his death. When the School met on the first Sunday after his death we could not proceed with the regular session, as pupils and teachers were in tears, and when the rector attempted to address the children his feelings overcame him, and he was forced to desist. Archdeacon Cole had come up to Grace Church that Sunday morning to speak to the children and the congregation on diocesan missions, but he saw the inopportuneness of the time and wisely deferred the matter. He, however, remained at the service and preached, greatly to the relief of the rector under the trying circumstances. The funeral service was held in the church Sunday afternoon, and the interment took place in the Allegheny Cemetery, his fellow-vestrymen and friends bearing his remains to their last resting place, while the snow, which covered the fields and the grave with spotless white, typified, we like to believe, the purity and blamelessness of his irreproachable life. Mr. Shaler's zeal in Church work and his devout, consistent life made him a typical churchman, whose stimulating influence was felt in the whole parish.

There was urgent need to find at once some one to take his place as superintendent of the Sunday School. After some hesitation on his part, Harry W. Neely was induced to accept the position, and, loyally assisted by rector and teachers, he successfully kept up the work.

At Easter of this year (1897) an altar cross, a pair of altar vases and an altar rack, all of brass, were presented to the church as memorials of Mr. Shaler, thus perpetuating his memory and also beautifying the church which he loved so much, and for which he labored in love so long and faithfully.

THE RECTOR'S THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY
(EASTER, 1898).

An event of unusual interest in the history of the parish which marked the year 1898 was the rector's completion of his thirtieth year of service. He began his rectorship April 5, 1868, and from that time has continued as rector of Grace Church. Indeed, it may be here properly mentioned that the rector has never had any other parish; that the short period of his diaconate, spent at the college of St. James, and the first two years of his priesthood, were given chiefly to educational work, he only officiating for different clergymen as occasion offered. Practically, therefore, his whole ministry has been given to Grace Church. The vestry and congregation wished to mark this anniversary with some special ceremonies; consequently arrangements were made for an anniversary service on Easter Sunday evening, April 10, and invitations were sent out for a reception to the rector and his wife for the following Thursday evening (April 14).

At the Sunday evening service a large congregation was present and the rector delivered a special discourse, taking as his text Psalm xxviii, 8: "The Lord is my strength, and He is the wholesome defense of His anointed." After a brief exposition of the teaching and the encouragement for God's people embodied in the text, the rector gave a résumé of the facts of his rectorship recorded in this history. Omitting much of the historical portions, a few extracts may here be given, in which he said:

"All the years that I have been with you I have tried to teach you these three things, faith in God, trust in His providence, and submission to His will; for in these things are to be attained the beauty of Christian living and the perfection of Christian character. In a heart where these three principles of religion are grounded there will be no skepticism to deaden its devotion; no despondency to paralyze its powers; no spiritual pride to dwarf its affections; but faith will reign, and hope prevail, and love will bloom, and the peaceful soul will harmoniously develop into the likeness of Christ, and thus become fit for the Master's use and presence when called from earth

to the mansions of rest. If a goodly number of our people have attained this high spirituality in the past; if a fair proportion of those who are serving our Lord here together in the present shall realize the blessedness of God's faithful people, then my labor among you and our united efforts for the glory of God's kingdom will not have been in vain.

"Ten years ago occurred the twentieth anniversary of my rectorship, and at the reception then tendered to the rector and his wife the tokens of affection and esteem received by both have since remained the most treasured recollection in the history of his pastorate. The presence on that occasion of so many friends, the warm greetings given, the kind words spoken, and the general expressions of love and confidence can never be forgotten. * * *

"As the years have gone by the life of the parish has flowed on with the usual fluctuations and frictions incident to all affairs conducted by men and women subject to the prejudices and infirmities of human nature. Your rector, however, thinks himself fortunate that his work has been among people who gave him their love and confidence. That he has been permitted to work here among you for thirty years, retaining that love and confidence, is a mark of Divine favor for which he is deeply grateful.

"But year after year change has been constantly going on in the personnel of the congregation by deaths, by removals, by additions; and yet a few of the older members who first welcomed your rector to the parish are still left to encourage him with their confidence and sympathy. But, alas! they are few. One after another of the earlier well-known forms and faces have disappeared. When your rector now casts his eye over the congregation he sees here and there the place of an old friend vacant or filled by another. A glance down the pages of the Parish Register will show how many of the former well-known members of the parish have been called away. It will interest you, I know, to recall a few of them:

"Capt. Thomas H. Golding, his mother, his wife and his daughter Isabelle—a whole family gone. John Pare and his wife—both living beyond the al-

lotted age of man. George T. Lowen and his wife, aged and true. Mrs. Sarah Reese, mother of Mrs. Mary E. Torrence, dying full of faith and hope at the age of 87. Mrs. Maria Adams, dying at the age of 70 and leaving us a legacy of fifty dollars, the beginning of our endowment fund. Mrs. Ruth Reed, wife of Samuel G. Reed, a gentle, beautiful character. Miss Margaret Goehring, a great sufferer, patient to the end, followed a few years later by her father and mother. Squire Edward Bratt and his wife, both long faithful and devout worshipers here among us, dying full of faith in a ripe old age. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Bigham, the founders of the parish and its supporters to the end, dying in the faith and leaving behind them this church to perpetuate their memory. Mrs. Sarah Goldthorp and her daughter, Mary Goldthorp Steele, both faithful workers in the Mite Society, Thomas Jackson, long a member of St. Andrew's Church, but for many years a faithful teacher in our Sunday School, dying in peace, aged 81 years. Edith N. Ferguson, a gentle, devout soul, now resting in paradise. Mrs. Elizabeth A. Smithson, a great sufferer, who now sleeps in peace. Capt. John S. McMillin, for more than thirty years a member of this church, and whose tragic death you will remember, a man of marked traits of character and great goodness of heart. For him

"Quick did end the battle sore;
Now his pilgrimage is o'er.
Grant him peace forevermore,
We beseech Thee, Jesus."

Mrs. Sarah A. Boggs, a noble Christian woman. Mrs. Adaline M. Whittier, a mother in Israel, gentle and faithful, falling asleep aged 83 years. John C. Shaler, Jr., a devout, loyal churchman, one of the rector's most faithful helpers up to the day of his death. Mrs. Mary Thompson, daughter of Squire Bratt, patient in suffering, faithful unto to death.

"When the toil is over,
Then come rest and peace."

"There are persons mentioned here in this list whose faith and devotion would be a credit to any parish and whose names it would be an honor to inscribe upon the diptychs of any church.

"For these Thy saints who from their labor rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.

"Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear the one true Light.

"May we, thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold."

"Here figures might be added giving the baptisms, confirmations, burials, the services, the offerings of the thirty years that we have officiated for you, but numbers can never measure spiritual things, nor estimate the value of the Church's ministrations to her people; therefore we forbear, and bid you turn your thoughts for a few moments in another direction. Everything that we do in God's service must be done in Christ's name, and in reliance upon His grace. 'Paul may plant and Apollos water, but God giveth the increase.' If we forget this, and think that we ourselves can make the Church grow and that we can bring souls to Christ, our work will surely come to nought. It is Christ alone that can give effect to our services, when they are done in humble faith in Him and with earnest prayer for His blessing.

"Whatever, then, we have done in the thirty years just ended for the promotion of our own spiritual welfare and for the extension of Christ's kingdom in the world, 'to God's Holy Name be the praise.'

"For all that might have been done in our midst for Christ and His people, but has not been done in consequence of our lack of faith and zeal, we pray 'Lord pardon our deficiencies.' * * *

"Pastor and people stand together in the matter of accountability. When in the last day I shall be called before the Just Judge to give an account for the souls that were intrusted to my care, woe is me if I have been unfaithful. When you, his people, shall stand before Him to give an account of your stewardship, if you have been unfaithful to your Lord and neglectful of your sacred privileges as members of His Church, your condemnation will be equally certain.

"May God in His mercy strengthen us both with might to rise to our high calling of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, that we may be true and faithful

unto the end, and at last hear those life-giving words 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'"

On the following Thursday, April 14, at 8 P. M., a large reception was held in the schoolroom of the church in honor of the rector and his wife. The Bishop was present and made a felicitous address of congratulation. The rector also made an address, speaking of his labor in the parish and of the changes that the years had brought to him and his work. Some of the city clergy were present to offer their congratulations and good wishes, as were also the Rev. Dr. McClelland, pastor of the Mount Washington Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Mr. Graham, pastor of the Mount Washington Methodist Episcopal Church; the Rev. P. S. Jennings, pastor of the Mount Pisgah Presbyterian Church, and Father O'Connor, rector of St. Mary's of the Mount.

The evening was passed in pleasant social intercourse, and Dr. and Mrs. Coster were cheered by many expressions of confidence and good will spoken by parishoners and friends.

THE CHURCH LIGHTED WITH GAS.

During the summer vacation the vestry contracted for putting up gas fixtures for lighting the church. The work was completed in time for the opening of the services in the beginning of September, and gaslight was used for the first time on Sunday evening, September 11, 1898. The fixtures are very beautiful and light the church brilliantly, making a strong contrast with the dim oil lamps which had been used for so many years—indeed ever since the church was built, in 1853. Grace Church is indebted to the generosity of the rector and vestry of Trinity Church for these beautiful fixtures. They were formerly used in lighting Trinity, but were discarded a few years ago, when electricity was introduced there, and at the suggestion of Mr. William Halpin they were presented to Grace Church, and, now that they have been refinished and properly put up, they give abundant light and are a beautiful ornament to the church.

THE DEATH OF THOMAS F. ASHFORD, SR.

At the opening of the year 1899 the parish suffered the loss of one of its very active vestrymen, Thomas F. Ashford, Sr., who died of pneumonia Sunday, January 15, after a brief illness.

Mr. Ashford moved to Mount Washington in 1883, and at once he and his family became members of Grace Church. He was a vestryman for nine years and was senior warden at the time of his death. He was a liberal man and contributed freely to all the needs of the parish. English by birth and education, he had a strong love for the church of his childhood and was a regular attendant upon public worship. He was a genial, generous man, and his goodness and generosity won for him many warm friends.

During the summer of this year (1899) it was found necessary to put many repairs upon the church. It is a frame structure, built in 1853, and consequently, from the wear and tear of time, it needed a thorough overhauling. The frame, on examination, was found to be sound, so the whole exterior was newly weather-boarded and painted, and the interior was painted and varnished and the walls tastefully frescoed. When, therefore, the church was again opened, in September, for divine service, it was in complete order and presented a very neat and pleasing appearance. The work cost a little over a thousand dollars, but it was money well spent, as the building was thereby made almost like a new church and will last at least twenty years more.

The year 1900 in its general features was much like the preceding ones. The rector's confirmation class, which was composed of five adults and seven young people, was a very interesting one. The meetings for instruction were held during Lent, at which careful preparation was made by the class for the important step about to be taken, and when the Bishop made his visitation great interest was manifested in the service. The church was filled with a sympathetic congregation. The choir of boys and men furnished excellent music for the occasion; the Bishop preached a sermon, full of wholesome instruction, from the text, Eph. vi, 1, 2, and all

felt at the close of service that the day had been one full of inspiration and hope.

A few weeks later Easter came, bringing its beautiful service and its comforting hopes of immortality. Flowers and music and the lessons of the day beautified the worship and raised the thoughts of the worshippers to a high and fervid pitch, peace and hope being its undertone.

The number of singers in the choir had not been as large as usual for some time, as great difficulty was met in securing boys with good voices. This difficulty at length made a change in the composition of the choir necessary to keep up its efficiency. If boys enough could not be secured, young women, it was known, could be obtained. Therefore the rector and vestry invited the women of the congregation to aid in the singing, and at once a goodly number offered their services, and in the early summer the choir master, Henry W. Clark, began to train them. They rehearsed with the men and boys for some weeks, and at length, on the twentieth Sunday after Trinity, October 28, 1900, twelve of them, vested in caps and cottas, appeared with the choir and took seats in the stalls. It was seen at once that the problem of securing singers was solved, and that the addition of female voices had greatly improved the quality of the music. The fact of this change only is mentioned here; the personnel of the enlarged choir will be found recorded in another part of this work.

Under the skillful training of Mr. Clark, this choir continued to improve, and by the aid of their good music we had on the following Easter (1901) one of the most beautiful and inspiring services ever held in Grace Church. The day was mild and pleasant; the church was beautifully decorated with plants and Easter lilies; the congregation was large and devout, and the music exceptionally good. And another fact worthy of mention is that at the morning service seventy-three persons communed, the largest number in the history of the church ever present at one communion.

The year 1902 was somewhat remarkable in the history of Grace Church. One thing requiring mention was the large number of persons who removed from

the parish. There seemed, indeed, to be a sort of exodus from our midst. In his report to the Convention the rector had to give a loss of twenty-five communicants by removals during the year. This was, indeed, a serious loss to the parish, as some of the twenty-five were vestrymen and other active members.

The Easter-tide of this year was also attended by some unusual events, not excepting the service of Easter Day, which was one of peculiar interest. The chancel was beautifully dressed with plants and flowers, the church was filled with people, and the music rendered by the choir was very hearty and appropriate to the day. The rector's sermon bore upon the importance of the Resurrection in Christian doctrine and the chief results flowing therefrom to God's people. After the sermon the offerings of the people were received, amounting to \$75, and then the rector proceeded with the communion service, and just as he reached the "comfortable words," and turned facing the congregation, a violent storm of wind and rain from the southwest burst forth, striking the church with such force that it rocked and cracked as though it would blow over. The whole congregation rose from their knees, some starting out hurriedly through the front door, others through the vestry room to the basement, while others, pallid, stood still in expectancy. Half a dozen persons came up to the rector at the chancel rail, and among them little Helen Boyce, who, crying from fright, seized him by the arm. He quieted her by saying, "Do not be afraid; there is no danger." Meanwhile the church had become very dark, which increased the congregation's fears. The sexton, Albert McKain, appeared at the vestry-room door, and at the rector's direction lighted up the church. This relieved the gloom, and the violence of the storm by this time having somewhat abated, the danger seemed to be over. The congregation, therefore, quietly taking their places, the rector resumed the communion service, and proceeded reverently to the end. The interruption, however, had disturbed the tone of joyous devotion and marred to some extent the beauty and satisfaction of our Easter

communion. We found, after the service was over, that the storm had broken off the top of a Lombardy poplar standing in front of the church, and had blown the front gables out of the brick schoolhouse on the opposite corner of the street. We all felt grateful that we had escaped without serious damage to the church and without injury to any of the members of the congregation. The next day we learned that great damage had been done by the storm in many parts of the city. A Presbyterian church in Knoxville had its chimney blown over on the roof, breaking through upon the congregation, injuring about forty persons. Also a small church in Allegheny had been unroofed, the debris injuring severely the clergyman and several other members of the congregation. *Gratiae Deo ut nos periculum effugeremus.*

Easter Monday evening, March 31, 1902, a congregational meeting was held to hear the treasurer's report and to elect a vestry for the ensuing year. The night was very cold and snow was falling, consequently only ten persons assembled, and after hearing the report and discussing somewhat informally the expediency of celebrating the church's semi-centennial, the meeting adjourned to Monday evening, April 7, postponing the election of a vestry to that time.

In the meantime, on Saturday, about 9:30 P. M., Oliver Halpin Stinson, a vestryman and the junior warden of the church, was run over by a street car on Carson street, at the foot of the Castle Shannon Incline, while on his way home, and had died from his injuries at the South Side Hospital early next morning, Sunday, April 6. All the congregation were greatly shocked by the sad event.

When the adjourned congregational meeting met on Monday evening, the 7th, there were three vacancies in the last vestry, caused, one by the death of Mr. Stinson, one by the removal of Joseph Reeves to Philadelphia, and the third by the removal of Harry W. Neely from the parish to the East End during the previous week. Besides these three vacancies there was virtually a fourth, for David R. Torrence, a vestryman, had moved from the parish

to Baum street a year before, and being present at the meeting suggested that it would be better to elect some one living in the parish in his place. The election resulted in the choice of the following vestrymen: George H. Baker, Thomas J. Bigham, John E. Boyce, George E. Brush, William Groves, Edward C. Purkey and Melville L. Stout. Thomas J. Bigham was elected senior warden and the rector appointed George H. Baker junior warden.

The matter of the semi-centennial of Grace Church being called up, the rector informed the meeting that the parish was organized in the fall of 1851, and that a Sunday School was held, with an occasional service, in the old frame schoolhouse on the corner of Stanwix and Sycamore streets (then being torn down for the erection of dwellings on the site); that the charter of incorporation of the parish was obtained in April, 1852, and that the church was finished and first opened for divine service in the fall of 1853. All seemed to consider the opening of the church as the real beginning of the parish, and the matter was consequently laid over until the meeting on Easter Monday, 1903, at which time plans were to be formed for the celebration of the church's fiftieth anniversary.

The death of Oliver H. Stinson, referred to above, was a great loss to the parish. He was for many years a vestryman and warden; he had an interesting family; he had many devoted friends; he was successful in business, and therefore had about him all things to make life desirable. In the address at his funeral the rector said. "It was under these favorable circumstances that he was called away, and, indeed, so painful was the manner of his death and so unexpected was the summons that we can as yet hardly realize that his life is ended, that his position among us is vacant forever. We are indeed forcibly reminded by this sad death of the chances and uncertainties of human life. No one knows what an hour may bring forth. It is true wisdom, then, always to live as those who await their Lord. It is true happiness to believe that God is infinitely wise and good and that He orders all things in mercy for the final blessedness of His faith-

ful servants and for the perpetuation of His eternal glory. The soul that under all things can look up and say, "It is the Lord; He knoweth best," will feel secure; will bow in submission and find peace and comfort even in death itself.

Two months later, June 20, occurred another death in the congregation that touched deeply the hearts of all, that of Henry W. Clark, choir master and organist of the church for the last three years. By his devotion to duty and his uniform courtesy Mr. Clark had won the respect and confidence of rector and people, and his death, therefore, was felt to be a great loss. He was an Englishman by birth; a churchman by inheritance and education and a gentleman by speech and manner.

A few days later another well-known member of the congregation was taken away, Augusta Eliza Bigham, second daughter of the late Hon. Thomas J. and Maria L. Bigham, she having died Monday, June 23, aged 45 years. Miss Bigham was a woman of strong character, having inherited the fine qualities of her parents. She was clever, quick-witted and sympathetic, like her mother. She had a remarkably accurate memory and a wonderful command of clear, forcible language, like her father. She was, in consequence of these traits, an able and successful Sunday School teacher, holding the attention and winning the confidence of her boys in an unusual manner—a noble, Christian woman, devoted to her family and friends, full of faith and good works.

Later in the year, December 18, another of our members, Mrs. Annie Maria Bond, died, aged 65 years. She was one of the few persons left who had been a member of the church since its opening in 1853. She was all her life an earnest churchwoman, always doing her full share in any work undertaken by the parish. She was a teacher in the Sunday School until her defective sight and failing health obliged her to give up this work. Simple in her tastes, conscientious in her duties, she led a quiet uneventful life. As a wife she set a noble example of faithfulness to home duties; as a mother she was devoted to her children, never sparing herself any trouble that their care and comfort required, and

she was rewarded for this devotion to her family with an affection on the part of her children that is rarely surpassed.

The last two years of her life she was a great sufferer. The total loss of her sight and the steady decline of her health were afflictions whose severity it is difficult to estimate fully, and yet her patience and resignation were unflinching. Nothing but her firm faith in God's mercy and goodness could have enabled her to bear her suffering, as she did, without murmuring or impatience. Her last days were a beautiful exemplification of the truth of the words, "God is a very present help in trouble," and also of those other words, "God will never leave nor forsake those who put their trust in Him."

The Christmas season brought the usual services and Sunday School festivities. On Christmas Day we had a beautiful service, with a fair congregation and a full choir. Flowers and plants adorned the chancel, and the sermon and music were appropriate to the glad message of the day.

On the evening of Saturday, the 27th, St. John's Day, the Sunday School festival was held, the children and their friends filling the room. The rector held a short service and made an address, in which he told the children of the glad tidings of the birth of their Lord, who came to save them from sin, illustrating the subject with the story of Pierre and the Christ Child. The children sang their carols with much spirit, and then received gifts of books and candy as tokens of the gladness and good will of the season.

The superintendent of the school, Thomas J. Bigham, received from the teachers a beautiful engraving as an evidence of their appreciation of his devotion to the work; the rector and Mrs. Coster were remembered by the gift of some fine table linen from the Mite Society, while other gifts to teachers and pupils emphasized the spirit of harmony and confidence existing in the school.

The year 1903 opened favorably. On Sunday, January 4, the first Sunday of the new year, the rector preached a sermon suitable to the time, choosing as his text, "See that you walk circumspectly, not

as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil," and endeavoring to set forth therein the duties of prudence in conduct as God's children and diligence in action as God's servants.

Later Lent came, with its lessons and duties. The Wednesday evening and Friday afternoon services were resumed according to custom long prevailing in the parish, the former being well attended, the latter attended only by a few faithful ones. The rector also during Lent instructed a class of twelve young persons for confirmation. They had grown up in the Sunday School and were personally known by the rector, and consequently their preparation was a work of deep interest to him. On the afternoon of the fifth Sunday in Lent the Bishop made his visitation, and the rector presented this class for confirmation with great satisfaction. The service for the occasion was hearty and devout and the Bishop, in place of a regular sermon, addressed the class and congregation from his place in the chancel, setting forth with much earnestness the duties and the privileges of the Christian life.

On Palm Sunday, for the first time in its history, the church was becomingly dressed with palms, the gift of George H. Baker. After the service many persons took home portions of the palm and used it in decorating their houses in honor of the event in our Lord's life which the day commemorates.

Easter Sunday this year was a bright, beautiful day and, with a large congregation, appropriate music, many communicants, and a deeply reverential tone pervading the worship, the service passed off reposefully, in marked contrast with the interruption and alarm caused by the storm of last Easter Sunday.

The Easter Monday congregational meeting was well attended and much enthusiasm for our work was manifested. The same vestry was elected as last year, except that Joseph William Bowman was chosen in the place of William Groves, who had recently moved from the parish and located in East Liberty. The proposal to celebrate the semi-centennial of the parish, which was postponed at last Easter, was again considered and the decision

reached to hold the celebration this fall on some day to be fixed later, perhaps in October or November.

The report of the parish treasurer presented to this meeting, while fairly creditable considering the resources of the parish, did not come up to the expectation of the officers, and, in fact, all wished that the showing had been better.

The treasurer's report for the last three years—1901, 1902, and 1903—will here be given, as showing in some measure the financial condition of the parish.

1900-1901.—FROM EASTER TO EASTER.

Parish Expenses:

Salaries.....	\$1,002.95	
Repairs and improvements.....	332.04	
Current expenses.....	220.49	
Parish Sunday School.....	96.95	
Mission Sunday School.....	40.75	
Mission services, Duquesne Hts.	72.62	
Choir expenses.....	99.77	
Maria Adams Endowmt. Fund..	10.00	
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		\$1,875.57

Diocesan Objects:

Diocesan missions.....	\$50.00	
Salary of Bishop.....	34.00	
Convention expenses.....	23.00	
Aged and infirm clergy.....	9.33	
Prayer Book Society.....	3.77	
Bishop's Charity Fund.....	10.81	
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		130.91

Extra Diocesan Objects:

Domestic missions.....	\$4.55	
Galveston flood sufferers.....	30.00	
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		34.55

Total offerings.....	\$2,041.03
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1901-1902.—FROM EASTER TO EASTER.

Parish Expenses:

Salaries.....	\$942.29	
Insurance premium.....	38.00	
Incidental expenses.....	107.46	
Choir books.....	4.26	
Paid on loan from Endwt. Fund	127.95	
Parish Sunday School expenses.	121.40	
Mission Sunday School expenses	83.10	
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		\$1,424.46

Diocesan Objects:

Diocesan missions.....	\$50.00	
Diocesan missions (one-half mite boxes).....	15.27	
		\$65 27
Convention expenses.....		23.00
Bishop's salary.....		34.00
Christmas fund, aged and infirm clergy.....		7.77
Bishop's Charity Fund.....		11.58
Prayer Book Society.....		4.18
		<u>\$145.80</u>

Foreign and Domestic Missions:

Offerings in church.....	\$17.45	
Mite boxes (one-half)	15.27	
		<u>32.72</u>

Total offerings..... \$1,602.98

1902-1903.—FROM EASTER TO EASTER.

Parish Expenses:

Salaries.....	\$973.62	
Paid on loan from Endowment Fund.....	310.87	
Incidental expenses.....	304.88	
Vestments for rector.....	22.00	
Sunday School expenses.....	95.85	
		<u>\$1,707.22</u>

Diocesan Objects:

Bishop's salary.....	\$34.00	
Convention expenses.....	35.00	
Diocesan missions offerings.....	\$50.00	
Mite boxes (one-half) ...	23.08	
		<u>73.08</u>
Christmas fund, aged and infirm clergy.....	9.27	
Bishop's Charity Fund.....	16.01	
Prayer Book Society.....	4.50	
		<u>171.86</u>

Extra Diocesan Objects:

Foreign and domestic missions..	\$26.18	
Woman's Auxiliary.....	10.00	
Lenten mite boxes (one-half)...	23.08	
		<u>59.26</u>

Total offerings..... \$1,938.34

The average of these three years is about the same as that of the last ten or fifteen years.

The spring passed on and Whitsunday came, with its special services. In the afternoon was held the Sunday School service for the children. The rector said a short service, and then addressed the congregation, explaining the meaning of the festival, which commemorates the descent of the Holy Ghost in fulfillment of our Lord's promise. He emphasized the doctrine of the Holy Ghost as set forth in the Church's formularies—His personality, His divinity, His presence with the Church and with believers, sanctifying both by dwelling in them and filling the faithful with the spirit of Christ and making Christ and His people one.

Some weeks later the church suffered the loss of one of its oldest and most respected members, Miss Emma Bennett, the sister of the late Mrs. Boggs. Miss Bennett was born and raised in the church, was a communicant from girlhood, and all her life lived in the consciousness that she was a child of God. Her life was a pure, beautiful, peaceful one. Her gentle disposition, her kindness of heart, her consideration for others, her unselfish nature, and her devotion to her friends made her a lovely, sweet woman, whose highest wish seemed to be to do good to others, and who was loved and trusted by all that knew her. Her devotion to her sister, Mrs. Boggs, through a long illness and her thoughtful consideration for the aged Beckie, who for many years was a faithful servitor of the family, both showed a kind, unselfish character and also the self-sacrificing spirit of her Divine Master. A gentle, peaceful soul, she now rests in the Paradise of God.

THE ORGAN OF GRACE CHURCH.

Soon after the basement improvements and the refurnishing of the body of Grace Church had been completed, in the summer of 1869, the congregation began to think that a pipe organ was needed to complete the equipment for a proper rendering of the church's service. No active steps were taken, however, toward supplying this need for several years. The small reed organ which had done duty almost from the founding of the church still occupied its accustomed place in the choir box, and with its thin tones led the voices of the singers.

But early in 1874 the matter of purchasing an organ was discussed in the vestry, and a little later the fine instrument in the German Reformed Church of Mount Washington was offered to the congregation for the sum of \$1,000.

The vestry, after carefully considering the proposition, decided that it would not be prudent at that time to incur so large a debt, and the offer was rejected.

After service Thursday evening, March 26, 1874, at which service the Rev. Dr. Scarborough, of Trinity Church, was present with the rector and preached, an informal congregational meeting was held in the church to consider the feasibility of raising the money to buy a pipe organ, and the sum of \$150 was then and there subscribed, Dr. Scarborough pledging himself to give \$50 when the congregation should be ready to buy. This meeting gave great encouragement to all interested in the scheme.

At this time Mr. E. H. Dermitt and Mr. Melville L. Stout, who had both been recently confirmed, and who were connected with the choir (Mr. Dermitt as the leader and Mr. Stout as the organist), became very much interested in the procuring of an organ, and through their influence the matter was kept before the congregation.

Mr. Dermitt naturally, from his position, took the lead in devising means for carrying out the wish of those interested, and, being encouraged and assisted by Mrs. S. H. Goldthorp, Mrs. John S. McMillin, Mrs. R. J. Coster, Miss Margaret Goehring, Miss Mary Bigham (now Mrs. Stout), Mrs. Joshua Goldthorp,

Mrs. Brunt, Mrs. J. C. Davitt and others, determined to raise by entertainments and subscriptions the money for this purpose.

In February, 1887, a Dickens reception was given in the schoolroom of the church, by which the sum of \$144.65 was raised. Later a Mother Goose entertainment was given, which netted the sum of \$208.00. These two amounts were sufficient to encourage the promoters of the fund to continue their efforts, notwithstanding considerable opposition on the part of some members of the congregation, who not only opposed the purchase of an organ, but wished also to divert to other purposes the funds already in hand.

This latter danger was, however, successfully avoided, and by the spring of 1881 the fund had been sufficiently augmented by subscriptions to justify the congregation in entering into a contract for the building of an organ suited to their church and their means. Consequently, on March 31, 1881, Mr. Dermitt, acting for the congregation, made an agreement with Carl Barckhoff, of Allegheny, to build an organ according to the following specifications:

One Manual—Compass, CC to a³.

1. Open diapason, 8-foot, metal, 58 pipes.
2. Melodia, 8-foot, wood, 58 pipes.
3. Dulciana, 8-foot, metal, 58 pipes.
4. Octave, 4-foot, metal, 58 pipes.
5. Flute harmonic, 4-foot, wood and metal, 58 pipes.
6. Spuer octave, 2-foot, metal, 58 pipes.
Pedal, CCC to D.
7. Bourdon, 16-foot, wood, 27 pipes.
8. Pedal coupler to manual.
9. Tremolo.
10. Bellows signal.
11. Eclipse wind indicator.
12. Balance swell pedal.

to be set up in the church, complete, on or before September 1, 1881, for the sum of \$700.00.

Owing to some unavoidable delay in the construction, the organ was not ready at the specified date. It was completed, however, and used for the first time at the Sunday morning service, November 6, 1881.

And now, after seven years of waiting, the work

was accomplished, and Mr. Dermitt and his co-laborers saw Grace Church furnished with a pipe organ, complete of its kind, which gave satisfaction both to the builder and the purchasers.

At that opening service the choir was composed of the following persons: Mrs. E. H. Dermitt, Mrs. James B. Boggs, Mrs. Joel Bigham, Mrs. Joshua Goldthorp, Mr. E. H. Dermitt, Mr. Edwin Smith and Mr. William Digby. Mr. Dermitt was director and Mr. M. L. Stout organist.

Although the amount required to purchase the organ was comparatively small, yet when one considers the financial strength of the small congregation at that time and the money that had to be raised for other purposes, it is evident that much praise is justly due to the promoters of the organ fund for their patient perseverance, and that too hearty congratulations upon their final success cannot be offered to all who took part in an enterprise that has been of such permanent advantage to the church.

ORGAN FUND.

Proceeds of entertainments and subscriptions:

Dickens reception and supper.....	\$144.65
Accrued interest on same	27.51
Mother Goose entertainment.....	208.00
Concert in German church.....	71.00
Subscription per Mrs. S. H. Goldthorp.....	25.00
Subscription per Margaret Goehring.....	60.00
Miss Mary Bigham.....	5.00
Alfred Marland.....	25.00
Mrs. S. S. Boggs.....	10.00
John S. McMillin.....	20.00
Edward Bratt.....	10.00
Mrs. R. J. Coster.....	10.00
Subscription per Mrs. R. J. Coster.....	10.00
Kirk Q. Bigham.....	10.00
Mrs. W. H. Duffell.....	5.00
Mrs. Margaret Goldthorp.....	4.00
John C. Shaler, Jr.....	25.00
David R. Torrence.....	5.00
S. L. Boggs.....	5.00
Sale of cabinet organ.....	35.00
E. H. Dermitt.....	14.84

Total cost of organ when in place..... \$730.00

THE CHOIR OF GRACE CHURCH—1852-1903.

Music forms an important part of all divine service. It is the agency by which the deepest feelings of adoration are awakened in human hearts, and by which devout souls give expression to the highest forms of praise. Its appropriate use adds beauty and fervor to public worship, and sustains the devotion of the congregation while offering to Almighty God the honor due to His Holy Name. Therefore, those persons who by their skill in music, vocal or instrumental, aid in maintaining properly this necessary part of a congregation's worship, are doing noble service for their Divine Master, and meriting for themselves the blessed commendation that shall be the portion of all those who, as God's servants, make a right and worthy use of the gifts with which they have been endowed.

It is deemed proper, then, that mention be here made, as far as possible, of all who in the past years have used their time and their talents in keeping up the church's music. It is, however, a matter of deep regret that the early records of the parish contain no data regarding the music of the church. Only such facts can, therefore, be given relating to the first fifteen years of the history of the choir as are based upon tradition and the recollection of a few of the older members of the congregation. Consequently, scant praise only can be given where much is justly due.

In the first period of the history of the parish Mrs. Maria L. Bigham, who was deeply interested in all of its affairs, played the organ and assisted in the singing for several years. She was fond of music and a good singer, and, therefore, in the infancy of the church her assistance in the music was invaluable. In this early period Yates Lowen, Orpheus Lowen, Margaret Lowen, Robert Neely and Margaret Neely sang in the choir, as did also a little later Emma Neely and Mary Ann Stubbs, while Miss Wilson for several years played the organ.

Mr. William Digby at successive times was organist of the church and director of the choir. Mr. Digby was a fine musician and had a rich tenor voice, and by his skill and efficiency as a leader ren-

dered valuable services in the music. His kind interest in the parish, his ready willingness to lend assistance, and his long-continued efforts to improve church music on Mount Washington are gratefully remembered by all who knew him.

Miss Emily Smith was organist of the church for about two years (1865 and 1866). She was succeeded by Miss Belle Golding, the daughter of Capt. Thomas H. Golding, who at that time lived on Grandview avenue, near the corner of Shiloh street. Miss Golding held the position of organist during the years of 1867 and 1868, and perhaps played for the church during short intervals at other times.

Soon after the beginning of the present rectorship the position of organist was vacant and Professor Rohbuck, then a prominent musician of this city, having been asked to name some young man who could fill the position, strongly recommended Melville L. Stout, one of his pupils. Mr. Stout, on being approached in regard to the matter, accepted the position and became organist of the church in 1870. The choir at that time was composed of the following members: George Prosser, William Ritchie, Mrs. William H. Brunt, Mrs. John C. Shaler, Miss Mary Goldthorp and Miss Hughes, all good singers, and some of them possessing exceptionally fine voices. Under the leadership of Messrs. Prosser and Ritchie, the music was well rendered, and to the credit of all the members it may be said that their services were voluntarily offered as a labor of love. After several years of faithful work this choir was broken up. Mr. Prosser moved to Oil City, Mr. Ritchie left Mount Washington, and a little later Mrs. Brunt went to reside at Castle Shannon.

After about two years' service Mr. Stout resigned as organist and was succeeded, in 1871, by Miss Fanny Sawyer, then residing on Bertha street, near the church. Miss Sawyer continued to play the organ about a year and then resigned.

Mr. Stout was then again elected as organist, and held the position continuously for the next ten years, from 1872 to 1882.

During most of this time the choir was kept in a state of high efficiency, through the assistance of Mr. E. H. Dermitt, Mr. Edwin Smith and Mr. Samuel

Williams, all good singers and regular in their attendance. At Easter, 1881, the choir was constituted as follows: Mr. E. H. Dermitt, leader; Mr. Edwin Smith, Mr. Samuel Williams, Mrs. E. H. Dermitt, Mrs. Joshua Goldthorp, Mrs. James B. Boggs, Mrs. Joel Bigham and Miss Elizabeth Goldthorp. This was the most effective choir that the church had had up to this time. The leader, Mr. Dermitt, was a fine baritone singer, Mr. Smith's voice was a rich bass, and Mr. Williams was a good tenor. The female voices were all good, but two were especially so, and these, Mrs. Goldthorp's and Mrs. Boggs', were rich and of wide range, as well as sweet and sympathetic. This choir on several occasions gave great pleasure to their audiences, and won for themselves great applause by singing in operettas and concerts.

On the resignation of Mr. Stout as organist, in 1882, Miss Sarah Slocum was elected to the position and served faithfully for nearly two years.

THE BOY CHOIR.

In the fall of 1886 Mrs. Joshua Goldthorp, with the consent of the rector and vestry, organized and began to train a boy choir for the church, and after several months' preparation they sang for the first time in the church service on the Sunday after Christmas, December 26, wearing only cassocks, their cottas not yet being ready. This choir was constituted as follows:

Choir directress, Mrs. Joshua Goldthorp.

Organist, Miss Eula Lewis.

Boys: Robert C. Bond, George Brokaw, Harry Brokaw, Samuel H. Kenah, William B. Kenah, Samuel McKain, Edward A. Niven, Walter C. Niven, John Pettigrew, George Reed, E. Conway Shaler, Harry Shaler, Harry Speer, Charles Tite.

The boys appeared in full vestments, cassocks and cottas, for the first time, at the morning service on the fifth Sunday in Lent, March 27, 1887, the day of the Bishop's annual visitation of the parish.

Mrs. Goldthorp continued to train and direct the choristers for three years, giving her services entirely without compensation, as she had also done in the

ten years of her connection with the choir prior to the introduction of the boys.

In December, 1889, Mrs. Goldthorp, feeling obliged, from pressure of home duties, to withdraw from the work, sent in her resignation. The rector and vestry, in accepting her resignation, took occasion to express their deep regret at the severance of her connection with the choir, and begged leave to assure her of their high appreciation of her long and faithful services in maintaining the music of the church.

Mr. Richard Burfoot was chosen as successor to Mrs. Goldthorp, and on January 1, 1890, he became choir master, with Mr. M. L. Stout as organist. At Easter, 1890, the choir was constituted as follows:

Choir master, Richard Burfoot.

Organist, Melville L. Stout.

Sopranos (14 boys): Clinton Agnew, Britton Baker, Edwin Bindley, William Jones, John McKain, Samuel McKain, Albion McMillin, Robert Naysmith, Charles Nevergold, Samuel Reno, William Denning Shaler, Aaron Speer, Carl Turney, Charles Waggoner.

Altos: Robert Reno, Samuel Trainor.

Tenors: John Boyce, Edward Gould, E. Conway Shaler.

Bassos: Richard Burfoot, Fred Johnson, Samuel H. Kenah.

This arrangement, with Mr. Burfoot as precentor and Mr. Stout as organist, worked very successfully until February 1, 1891, when, owing to ill health, Mr. Burfoot felt forced to resign, and a few weeks later Mr. Stout decided also to vacate his position, after almost fourteen years of service. For a few weeks the church, being without precentor or organist, had little or no music, and the choir became somewhat disorganized.

Mr. Daniel Doré Ezechiels was next engaged to take charge of the choir, and began his work April 1, 1891. He was a very competent musician and an enthusiastic choir master, and soon brought the choir to a degree of efficiency not hitherto attained.

At the opening of the services after the summer vacation, September 1, 1891, Mr. Ezechiels had the boys well trained and they rendered the service very acceptably. His choir was thus constituted:

Choir master and organist, Daniel Doré Ezechiels.
Assistant choir master, Samuel H. Kenah.

Boys (13): Cantoris—Hunter Dewsnap, William Elliott, William Jones, Harry Needham, Aaron Speer, R. Walkmeyer. Decani—Paul Harper, Herman Heisler, Albion McMillin, William Lauderbaugh, Noel Montreville, Robert Naysmith, Harry Read.

Altos: William J. McCaddon, John Patton, James Lewis McKain, Samuel A. McKain.

Tenors: E. Conway Shaler, William Naysmith, William White.

Bassos: G. Fred Johnson, Robert Revelvy, William Groves, Samuel H. Kenah.

In the fall of this year, after eight months' service, Mr. Ezechiels received the offer of a position much better pecuniarily than that which he held in Grace Church, and having tendered his resignation, the vestry agreed to release him from his contract on December 1, 1891, although his engagement did not terminate until the first of the next April, and being free to accept the position offered, he moved to Amesbury, Mass.

The vestry was fortunate enough to secure at once the services of Mr. James Dodworth, a very competent choir master and organist, who had received his musical education in the Royal Academy of Music, London, and thoroughly understood the management and training of a boy choir. He entered upon his duties December 1, and under his management and training, the music was very successfully conducted.

At Easter, 1892, the choir was constituted as follows:

Choir master and organist, James Dodworth.

Assistant choir master, Samuel H. Kenah.

Boys (16). Cantoris—Hunter Dewsnap, Charles Heinrich, Charles Howarth, William Jones, Harry Needham, Herman Soffel. Decani—Herman Heinrich, Herman Heisler, Harry Hetling, William Lauderbaugh, Albion McMillin, Noel Montreville, Sylvester Sweeney.

Altos: William J. McCaddon, James Lewis McKain, John McKain.

Tenors: William J. White, Edward Gould, Will Urwin.

Bassos: Robert Revelvy, Fred Johnson, E. Conway Shaler, William Groves, Samuel H. Kenah, Harry G. Shaler.

Mr. Dodworth resigned June 1, 1892, to take the organ of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, and Miss Louise G. Taylor was elected to fill the vacancy. Miss Taylor, as a teacher, had had much experience in governing boys, and was therefore able to maintain the choir in full efficiency during her administration.

At Easter, 1893, her choir was constituted as follows:

Organist and directress, Miss Louise G. Taylor.

Assistant choirmaster, Samuel H. Kenah.

Boys (14): Hunter Dewsnap, William Jones, Noel Montreville, Harry Needham, Harry Read, Herman Soffel, Aaron Speer, George Glaze, Albert Heinrich, Christian Heinrich, Herman Heisler, Harry Hetling, William Smith, Russell Walkmeyer.

Men (8): William J. White, Edward Gould, Robert Revelvy, Fred Johnson, William Groves, Samuel H. Kenah, E. Conway Shaler, Harry G. Shaler.

Miss Taylor held the position from June 1, 1892, to October 1, 1893, and then resigned, finding that, with her duty as teacher in the ward school, she was overtaxed with work.

Miss Shannon then became organist and Mr. William Groves director, and together they successfully managed the choir from October 1, 1893, to February 1, 1894.

Upon the retirement of Miss Shannon, Melville L. Stout, one of the vestrymen, wishing to relieve the church of the expense of providing an organist, volunteered to take charge of the music again. His offer was gladly accepted and he was at once elected organist and choir master, and all were pleased to see him back in the position so long filled by him in former years. Mr. Stout organized an auxiliary choir of young women, who volunteered to sit in the front pew, beside the choir, and assist in the singing.

At Easter, 1894, two months after Mr. Stout assumed control, the choir was constituted as follows:

Choir master and organist, Melville L. Stout.

Men (4): William Groves, Samuel H. Kenah, John Boyce, Fred Johnson.

Boys (12): Alfred Bowman, Frank Glaze, Adam Heisler, Herman Heisler, Christ Heinrich, Harry Hetling, David Nease, Harry Needham, Joseph Needham, Edward Schmidt, William Smith, John Zelk.

Organ blower, Harry Butterfield.

Auxiliary choir: Ardella Armstrong, Sarah Armstrong, Mary Ashford, Ida Newell, Clara V. Small, Charlotte Marland, Annie Wallace, Jane Wallace.

This supplemental choir was found very helpful, and the wisdom of the choir master in organizing it was fully vindicated. The rector and vestry shrank at that time from sanctioning the practice of vesting them and placing them in the stalls with the boys; but still they and all the congregation would have greatly regretted the loss of their very acceptable assistance in the singing.

The choir at Easter, 1895, was still under the same management and remained very nearly the same as the year previous, which fact the following list of members will show:

Choir master and organist, Melville L. Stout.

Men (4): William Groves, Samuel H. Kenah, Harry H. Anderson, Fred Johnson.

Boys (10): Alfred Bowman, William Hannam, Adam Heisler, Herman Heisler, Christ Heinrich, Daniel Kelly, J. Lewis McKain, William Smith, Leonard Thompson, John Zelk.

Organ blower, Harry Butterfield.

Auxiliary choir: Ida Newell, Annie Wallace, Clara V. Small, Jane Wallace.

In the summer of 1896, after long and faithful service as organist and choir master, Mr. M. L. Stout felt that he must be relieved of this duty, and with much regret of both the vestry and the congregation his resignation was accepted, and William H. Sweitzer was chosen as his successor. Mr. Sweitzer was a young man trained to some extent under Walter Hall, the choir master of Trinity Church. He was very fond of music, full of enthusiasm for his work, and very affable in manner, and was, therefore, well fitted to render efficient service in his position.

At Easter, 1898, the rector's thirtieth anniversary of service in the parish, the music was exceptionally good, as Mr. Sweitzer inspired his singers with much

of his own enthusiasm. The choir at that time was constituted as follows:

Organist and choir master, William H. Sweitzer. Singers—Elmer Baker, James S. Florence, George M. Howarth, Joseph J. Lewis, Wilfred D. Lowe, Howard Neely, Antony Schornagle, Clarence G. Brush, Harry James, Samuel H. Howarth, Ralph R. Lewis, Robert Mackey, Harry McCombe, Harry H. Oaks, Fred. Schornagle, Upton Zelch, John L. Zelch, Samuel H. Kenah, Albert C. Turbett.

Organ blower, Harry Butterfield.

Mr. Sweitzer continued to serve the congregation until the spring of 1899, when, from pressure of other duties, he found himself obliged to relinquish the direction of the choir. By his efficiency, his faithfulness and his courtesy he had won the confidence and respect of all the congregation, and, therefore, his resignation caused deep regret.

The vestry was fortunate in securing as his successor Mr. Henry W. Clark, an accomplished musician and a cultured gentleman. Mr. Clark at once took up the work and kept the music at a high standard of excellence. At the Easter service of 1899 the choir was composed of almost the same members as in 1898; but for some time difficulty had been experienced in securing a sufficient number of boys with good voices to keep up a full choir, and this difficulty brought about an important change in the constitution of the choir. Since the fall of 1886 boys and men only who voluntarily gave their services had furnished the music. Now it was determined by the rector and vestry to introduce young women, and as soon as this fact became known a sufficient number to make a full choir freely offered their services. During the early fall Mr. Clark began to train this new element, and on Sunday, October 28, 1900, at the morning service, twelve women, vested in cottas and caps, appeared with the boys and men, adding much by their assistance to the richness and sweetness of the music. This was only using more fully the services of women, which practice had been begun by Mr. Stout during his management of the choir in 1894, when at his request an auxiliary choir of women rehearsed with the men and boys, and during the serv-

ices sat in the front pews unvested and assisted in the singing. Now they were vested and sat in the choir stalls.

This new choir was composed of the following members:

Sopranos: Master Harry Peck, Miss Sarah Min-singer, Miss Annie Newell, Miss Mabel McCormick, Miss Jennie Wallace, Miss Clara Small, Miss Florence Moyer, Miss Hilda Griffith, Mrs. Ida Bigham.

Altos: Master Howard Neely, Master Ray Towse, Miss Gladys Griffith, Miss Harriett McCormick, Miss Della Towse, Miss Selina Boyce.

Tenors: John E. Boyce, Edward Gould, Clarence Brush.

Basses: Albert C. Turbett, William Thompson, Ernest Griffith.

Choir master and organist, Henry W. Clark.

Organ blower, Harry Butterfield.

At Easter, 1902, this choir had changed but little. It was then composed of the following members:

Organist and choir master, Henry W. Clark.

Boys (2): John Tremilling, Howard Neely.

Men (6): John E. Boyce, Clarence Brush, George E. Brush, Edward Gould, Ernest Griffith, William Groves.

Women (10): Mrs. Ida Bigham, Miss Selina Boyce, Miss Charlotte Heinrich, Miss Matilda Heinrich, Miss Anna C. Gibson, Miss Harriet McCormick, Miss Mabel McCormick, Miss Annie Newell, Mrs. Minnie Patton, Miss Jennie Wallace.

Organ blower, Harry Butterfield.

Early in May of this year Mr. Clark was taken down with typhoid fever, and after six weeks of illness he died, June 18. His funeral service was held in the church, the full choir being present and singing the burial chant and the hymns "Asleep in Jesus" and "Lead, Kindly Light."

The death of Mr. Clark was a great loss to the choir and the rector, as by his gentlemanly manners and his uniform courtesy he had won the respect of all and had rendered his services highly acceptable. During his illness and until a successor was chosen Mr. M. L. Stout, with his usual thoughtful consideration, filled the vacancy.



THE CHOIR, OCTOBER, 1903.

1. John Clemens Morgan.
2. Ernest Griffith.
3. Harry Butterfield.

4. Clarice Jamieson.
5. Matilda Heinrich.

6. Howard Neely.
7. Gladys Griffith.
8. Mrs. Ida N. Bigham.

9. Lillian Helen Boyce.
10. Selina B. Boyce.
11. Kola Pierce.

At the opening of the services in September, after the August vacation, Frederick Hall became choir master and organist, and continued to serve in that capacity until May 1, 1903, when he resigned and was succeeded by Miss Nellie Martin, the present organist of the church.

In making this change from a man to a woman as choir director it was felt that there was some risk, but we are glad to record the fact that the choir is doing good service under the judicious direction of Miss Martin, and that the music rendered is churchly and appropriate.

The present choir (October, 1903) is composed of the following members:

Organist and choir directress, Miss Nellie Martin.

Women: Mrs. Ida Bigham, Miss Selina Boyce, Miss Helen Boyce, Miss Gladys Griffith, Miss Charlotte Heinrich, Miss Matilda Heinrich, Miss Blanche Jamieson, Miss Clarice Jamieson, Miss Annie Newell, Mrs. Minnie Patton, Miss Kota Pierce, Miss Jennie Wallace.

Men: John E. Boyce, Clarence G. Brush, George E. Brush, Edward Gould, Ernest Griffith, John C. Morgan, Howard Neely.

Organ blower, Harry Butterfield.

This sketch completes the history of the choir (as far as the imperfect data, gathered with much difficulty, will permit) down to October, 1903. The record is very deficient, especially in regard to the first fifteen years of the parish life. And yet if these notes, imperfect as they are, serve in some measure to stimulate interest in the music of the church and to keep alive the memory of those who have served the church by singing in the choir, the purpose for which they have been written will be realized.

CHANCEL FURNITURE AND MEMORIALS.

THE BISHOP'S CHAIR.

This chair, which stands in the chancel of Grace Church, is an interesting piece of church furniture, and is highly prized by the congregation in consequence of its past history. It formerly belonged to Trinity Church, Pittsburg, and stood in the chancel of that church from 1827 (the year stamped on its back) until the old church was torn down, in 1872, preparatory to the building of the present edifice. It was used by all the Bishops of Pennsylvania at their visitations prior to that year. The venerable William White, first Bishop of Pennsylvania, occupied it; also Bishop Alonzo Potter and Bishop Stevens. It is, consequently, an important relic, and its presence in the chancel of Grace Church is a link connecting the history of this church with the early history of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

It came into the possession of Grace Church through the interest of Mr. William Halpin, who, when the church was being refurnished in 1869, obtained it from the vestry of Trinity Church as a present for Grace Church. It was newly upholstered and placed in the chancel, where it has now stood over thirty of the seventy-five years during which it has been in use. It was used by John Barrett Kerfoot, D. D., first Bishop of Pittsburgh, at the consecration of the present church building, December 28, 1869, and at all his subsequent visitations of the parish. Our present diocesan, Bishop Whitehead, has also occupied it at all of his visitations.

Venerable from age and sacred from long use in the offices of the Church, it is justly prized by its present owners. It is strongly built, of black walnut, in a Gothic pattern, with a straight back and narrow arms, and is upholstered on the seat and the back; and should no mishap befall it, it is good still for a hundred years' service.

THE CHURCH BIBLE.

The Bible in use on the lectern is a fine Oxford edition, printed in large, clear type by the Oxford Press, and bound in heavy black morocco. It has no marginal references and no chronological notes, being designed especially for desk use.



THE BISHOP'S CHAIR.

It was selected by the present rector, and at his suggestion was presented to the church by Capt. John S. McMillin, one of the vestrymen of the parish, as a memorial of his first wife, Mrs. Phebe Ann McMillin, who was buried in Allegheny Cemetery, after service in the church, July 10, 1866. Dr. Killikelly, the rector, after recording her death, adds this note: "She was a most excellent Christian woman and a valuable member of the Church and of society." It was through her influence that Captain McMillin was baptized and became a communicant. The presence of this Bible, therefore, bears testimony to her faith and good works, and through it "she, though dead, yet speaketh."

CHANCEL WINDOW.

The church building when first erected was furnished with a chancel window of small diamond-shaped panes of glass, figured, but without coloring except the gray tints of a little tracery, much of which tracery had disappeared in the twenty-two years of its existence. This gave the window a faded and washed-out appearance, and made the congregation wish for something better and more appropriate to the character of the sacred place. Great was the satisfaction of all, therefore, when, in the summer of 1875, Mr. William Halpin expressed the wish to beautify the chancel with a stained-glass window in memory of his father and mother. The consent of the rector and vestry was cheerfully given, and in a short time the work was finished. Such a memorial was especially appropriate in this case, as Mr. Halpin's father lies in an unknown grave near Dublin, Ireland, having died in a cholera epidemic; and his mother was buried in the sea, having died on the voyage to this country to join her son.

This window is composed of three lancets, the middle one of which contains, in the center, a presentation of the Ascension, and below the legend, "The sea shall give up her dead." The lancet on the right has in the center the font, above, the patten and bread, and below, the inscription, "In memoriam. William Halpin; born 1800, died 1832." The lancet on the left has in the center the open Bible; above, the chalice,

and below, the words, "In memoriam. Mary Halpin; born 1801, died 1840." In the apex of the window is the All-seeing Eye, in a lance to the right of the apex the anchor, and in one to the left the Cross and Crown.

The coloring of the window is rich and harmonious, and the effect as seen from the body of the church is very pleasing.

This memorial commemorates departed ones whose ashes none can discover and yet it recalls the hope that

"Although in regions far from thee
Thy kindred and their graves may be,"

still, in the Great Day, God shall gather His people from earth's wide bounds and ocean's farthest shores into His house of many mansions, their eternal home, where the faithful shall meet again all those dear ones "which they have loved long since and lost a while."

THE BAPTISMAL FONT.

The church, when erected, in 1853, was furnished with a neat, plain wooden font, which continued in use until Easter, 1880, when it was replaced by a handsome stone font, presented to the church by Miss Emma Bennett, of Boggs avenue, as an adornment of the Lord's house and as a thank-offering for His many mercies to herself.

The material of which it is made is a white sandstone. The base is hexagonal, about fourteen inches in width; the slender stem is also hexagonal and supports a bowl of the same dimensions as the base. Upon the font stands a walnut cover surmounted by a floriated cross.

The only marking on the font is the monogram I H S, on the front face of the stem. Standing at the entrance of the chancel, it fitly symbolizes the means of admission to the Church of God.

It is now hallowed by more than twenty years of sacred use, and, being simple and chaste in design, is in entire harmony with its surroundings.

LECTERN, PRAYER DESK, ETC.

The church was further adorned at Easter, 1886, with the gifts of an eagle lectern, made of walnut and beautifully carved; a prayer desk and stall, also of



THE LECTERN.

walnut; and a credence table, of the same material. These pieces of chancel furniture were presented by Mrs. John C. Shaler and Mrs. Mary Thompson, as memorials of their father and mother, Edward and Jane Bratt. Mrs. Bratt died February 5, 1884, aged 77 years, and Mr. Bratt, October 30, 1885, aged 80 years.

A sketch of the lives of these long-tried and faithful members of Grace Church will be found elsewhere in this volume.

THE STAINED-GLASS WINDOWS.

The windows which were put in Grace Church when it was first built were fitted with diamond-shaped panes of ground glass, and these continued to do service until 1887. The Mite Society during the summer of this year, with the aid of their friends, replaced these with stained-glass windows, which by their rich colors and subdued light much beautified the church. Five of these windows are memorials, which were designed by the rector and a committee of ladies of the Mite Society, aided by Marshall Brothers, of Allegheny, who did the work.

One is a memorial of Bishop Kerfoot, bearing the inscription, "In memory of John Barrett Kerfoot, first Bishop of Pittsburgh. Died July 10, 1881;" and the text, I Thessalonians iv, 12, 13.

One a memorial of Edward Bratt, long a vestryman and treasurer of the church; died October 30, 1885, aged 80 years.

One a memorial of Thomas J. Bigham, for many years a vestryman and senior warden of the church; died November 9, 1884, aged 74 years.

One a memorial of Mrs. Sarah Lowen Goldthorp; died March 19, 1883, aged 55 years; and of her daughter, Mary Goldthorp Steele; died February 13, 1886, aged 33 years.

One a memorial of the deceased members of the Mite Society, bearing the inscription, "In memory of the departed of the Mite Society," and the text, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."—Revelation ii, 10.

It is an interesting fact in the history of this window that the five grandchildren of the Goldthorp family, namely, Mary Goldthorp Steele, Helena Marie Dermitt, Lillian Goldthorp Dermitt, Bessie Douglas Goldthorp, and Roland Lee Goldthorp, raised the money to pay for it.

A full description of these windows will be found on pages 36, 37.

THE MOUNT WASHINGTON READING ROOM
AND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Twenty years ago (that is, about 1880) Mount Washington was destitute of such public conveniences as reading rooms, libraries and gymnasiums, and this lack was felt by many of that district to be a great reproach to the liberality and public spirit of its citizens. Mrs. T. J. Bigham, who was a large property owner in the neighborhood, and who had always been deeply interested in the social and moral welfare of its people, expressed to her rector in the year 1882 the wish that something might be done for the benefit of the young people of Mount Washington in the way of providing means for innocent recreation and social enjoyment. She said, rightly, that there were no public places open at that time where young people could go in the evenings for these purposes. The only public places open to them were the saloons. She therefore suggested, with the public spirit characteristic of her, that steps be taken, as had been done in England and in some places in this country, to open on the Hill what were called Holly Tree Inns, or places of public resort, lighted and warmed and furnished with newspapers and magazines and with conveniences for such games as chess and checkers, and also with provision for the sale of hot coffee and tea and other non-intoxicating beverages.

The matter was considered among the Grace Church people; but, with the view of eliciting a more widespread interest, it was considered not advisable that this work should be undertaken by any one congregation of the neighborhood, but that an appeal should be made to all the citizens of Mount Washington to unite in some enterprise of this nature for the general benefit of the Hill. Consequently, the clergymen and some of the principal men and women of the different congregations were conferred with, and a call was issued with general approval for a public meeting to consider the matter, and in accordance with this call a meeting was held in the Baptist Church, Sycamore Street, on Thursday evening, January 4, 1883. The meeting was well attended, and among those present were the Rev. Mr. McCrory, of the Baptist

Church; the Rev. E. P. Jennings, of the Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Mr. Williams, of the Methodist Church, and the Rev. R. J. Coster, of Grace Episcopal Church; also, of the laity, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bigham, Dr. J. C. McCormick, Mr. W. T. Bown, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Shaler, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Rebeck, Mr. Edwin W. Smith, Mrs. C. B. M. Smith, Mrs. John S. McMillin, Miss Elizabeth Hughes, Miss Mary Williams, Mrs. R. J. Coster, Miss Augusta Shaler, Mrs. Harrison and others whose names are not recalled.

Dr. J. C. McCormick presided and John C. Shaler, Jr., acted as secretary. The Hon. T. J. Bigham stated what the object of the meeting was; and after the expression of the opinions and wishes of a number of those present, from which it appeared that a preponderance of opinion was in favor of establishing a reading room and library, a committee of eight was appointed—two each from the Methodist, the Baptist, the Presbyterian and the Episcopal Churches—to inquire into the Holly Tree Inn system and to report to a future meeting a plan for the organization of a library and reading room for the Hill.

The committee consisted of the following persons: Miss Elizabeth Hughes, Mrs. Littell, Miss Mary Williams, Mrs. Stall, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. T. J. Bigham, Mrs. R. J. Coster.

A second meeting was held at the same place on Friday evening, January 19, 1883, when the committee on organization appointed at the first meeting reported, through the Rev. R. J. Coster, of Grace Church, the following recommendations, to wit:

1. That the association be called the Mount Washington Reading Room and Library Association.
2. That the object of the association be to supply a free reading room, with papers and books for the use of visitors.
3. That a board of managers consisting of sixteen ladies and gentlemen (eight of each) be chosen, who shall take charge of the matter and be responsible for its direction, and that they have the power to fill vacancies.
4. That hereafter the board of managers be elected annually by the contributors to the support of the association.

5. That the officers of the board be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, and a treasurer, and that these officers be chosen annually by and from the board of managers.

6. That stated meetings of the board be held monthly, and that seven members constitute a quorum.

7. That the treasurer receive all funds contributed, and that he pay therefrom all bills of the association, on the order of the president; and that he make an annual report of the funds received and disbursed.

8. That a membership of the Reading Room and Library Association be constituted, which shall be composed of all persons who contribute annually—dollars to the association, and that an annual meeting be held by these contributors, at which meeting reports from the officers of the association shall be read and the board of managers for the ensuing year shall be elected.

After discussion, the plan of organization was adopted as presented by the committee, except that in section 8 the clause constituting a membership of the Reading Room and Library Association was made to read "who contribute annually one dollar or more."

Then, on motion of the Hon. T. J. Bigham, a committee composed of the president, Dr. McCormick, and the secretary, John C. Shaler, Jr., and the four clergymen present, namely, the Rev. Messrs. McCrory, Williams, Jennings and Coster, was appointed to nominate a board of directors for the ensuing year; and after consultation the committee presented the following directors for the first year:

Miss Elizabeth Hughes.	W. T. Bown.
Mrs. Littell.	F. J. Rebbeck.
Miss Mary Williams.	Phillip Smith.
Mrs. Stull.	Peter Soffel.
Mrs. T. J. Bigham.	John C. Shaler, Jr.
Mrs. R. J. Coster.	Edwin W. Smith.
Mrs. Harrison.	William Digby, Sr.
Mrs. Brown.	Dr. J. C. McCormick.

These persons were elected by acclamation, and thus the Mount Washington Reading Room and Library Association was organized and started upon its

career of usefulness. The board of directors held their first meeting January 23, 1883, and elected the following officers:

President, Mrs. T. J. Bigham.

Vice-president, Dr. J. C. McCormick.

Secretary, Mr. F. J. Rebbeck.

Treasurer, Mrs. R. J. Coster.

The board of directors at once rented a room on Shiloh street, which they furnished and supplied with papers and magazines and kept open daily (except Sunday) for the use of the public. Gifts of books were solicited, and very soon, by the liberality of Mr. William Lyon and others, a good assortment of books was on hand and the reading room began to fill a long-felt want.

An act of incorporation was obtained January 12, 1884, and then the association was ready to hold property and to advance its work as the means for this were offered.

April 1, 1884, Mr. William Lyon, one of the Reading Room's most constant and liberal friends, deeded to the board of directors a lot fronting 25 feet on Grandview avenue, and on November 25, 1887, he deeded a second lot adjoining the first, of the same dimensions, thus giving them a lot with a fifty-foot front, on which they built a commodious house, containing living rooms for the janitor and librarian, a hall for public entertainments, and a large reading room for visitors. This was completed and opened in October, 1888, Mr. Andrew Carnegie, Capt. Samuel Brown and Mr. William Lyon being the chief contributors to the building fund.

A gymnasium was opened in the new building, which at first was well sustained by a large membership, but subsequently the number of members declined until the gymnasium had to be closed for the lack of patronage.

The reading room and library were kept open, with a fair amount of patronage, but the directors were often hard-pressed for funds to meet their obligations. The revenues of the association were derived from three sources, namely, membership fees, rent of the hall, and private contributions, and with these combined sums the expenses were met. As is the

case in all benevolent enterprises, it was through the influence and the efforts of a few faithful individuals that the work was continued and maintained. Among these public-spirited persons may be mentioned W. T. Bown, Edwin W. Smith, John C. Shaler, Jr., Dr. Orin W. Sadler, Mrs. John S. McMillin, Prof. C. R. Coffin, Mrs. Sawhill and Miss Hughes.

The Board of Directors in 1895 were as follows:

W. T. Bown.	Mrs. W. T. Bown.
K. Q. Bigham.	Miss Ida Smith.
Edwin W. Smith.	Miss Jennie C. Williams.
J. C. Shaler, Jr.	Mrs. D. R. Torrence.
William Boehmer.	Mrs. J. F. McKee.
William Abbott.	Mrs. W. W. Sawhill.
H. S. Ley.	Mrs. Allison Meyers.
Prof. C. R. Coffin.	Mrs. C. R. Coffin.

The officers of the Board were:

President, W. T. Bown.

Vice-president, Mrs. C. R. Coffin.

Treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Sawhill.

Secretary, Mr. Edwin W. Smith.

When Mr. Andrew Carnegie gave his splendid gift, "A Free Library," to the city of Pittsburgh, and the board of trustees of that institution adopted the policy of establishing branch libraries in the different parts of the city for the convenience of the public, the Mount Washington Reading Room and Library Association, through its president, W. T. Bown, and its other officers, used its influence to secure a branch of the Carnegie Free Library for Mount Washington, and when finally this branch was built and opened the directors of the old Reading Room and Library closed their rooms, in the year 1900, and turned over their books and other effects to the Carnegie Library.

Thus, after seventeen years (1883-1900), of great usefulness to the people of Mount Washington, the work in which they had been the pioneers in that part of our fast-growing city was left to the ample resources and the splendid equipment of the Carnegie Free Library.

THE CHARTER OF GRACE CHURCH.

THE CHARTER OF INCORPORATION OF GRACE CHURCH,
IN MOUNT WASHINGTON, LOWER ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP,
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA.

WHEREAS, the following-named persons, citizens of this Commonwealth, viz, George Lowen, Alexander Rowland, Thomas J. Bigham, William Adams, Richard Stubbs, Benjamin White and A. Kirk Lewis, have, together with other citizens, associated for the purpose of worshipping Almighty God according to the faith and discipline of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and have for that purpose formed a congregation at Mount Washington, in Lower St. Clair Township, Allegheny County, and are now desirous of being incorporated agreeably to the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania entitled "An Act to confer on certain associations of the citizens of this Commonwealth the powers and immunities of corporations or bodies politic in law," they therefore declare the following to be the objects, articles and conditions of their said association, agreeably to which they desire to be incorporated, viz:

First. The name of the corporation shall be "The Rector, Churchwardens and Vestrymen of Grace Church, Mount Washington."

Second. This church acknowledges itself to be a member of, and to belong to, "The Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania and the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America." As such, it accedes to, recognizes and adopts the constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania and of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, and acknowledges their authority, accordingly. Any member of this church or corporation who shall disclaim or refuse conformity to the said authority shall cease to be a member of this corporation, and shall not be elected or vote in the election of vestrymen, or exercise any office or function in, concerning or connected with said church or corporation.

Third. The rents and revenues of this corporation shall, from time to time, be applied for the maintenance and support of the rector, ministers and officers of the said church and in the erection and necessary repairs of the church and churchyard and parsonage house and other houses which now do or shall hereafter belong to the said corporation, and to no other use or purpose whatsoever: *Provided always*, That the clear yearly value or income of the real and personal estate held by the said corporation shall not at any time exceed the sum of two thousand dollars.

Fourth. The said corporation shall not, by deed, fine or recovery, or by any other means, without the consent of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the State of Pennsylvania, or of the Standing Committee of the Diocese, previously had and obtained, grant, alien or otherwise dispose of any land, messuages, tenements or hereditaments in them vested, nor charge nor encumber the same to any person or persons whomsoever.

Fifth. The rector of this church shall be elected by the churchwardens and vestrymen, in such manner as the statutes and by-laws shall ordain. The vestry of said church shall consist of seven persons, members of the said church, who shall continue in office for one year, and until others be chosen; and the election of such vestry shall be made every year, on Easter Monday, by a majority of such members of the said church as shall appear by the vestry books to have paid two successive years immediately preceding the time of such election for a pew or sitting in said church: *Provided*, That until the next Easter Monday after the expiration of five years from the date of this charter members of the said church who shall in any way have contributed to the erection of the church, or to the support of the rector or ministers thereof, shall be entitled to vote at the election of vestrymen: *And provided*, That in case of the failure to elect vestrymen on that day, the corporation shall not on that account be dissolved, but the election shall be holden on some other day, in such manner as the by-laws may prescribe: *Provided always*, That the by-laws, rules and ordinances of this corporation shall not be repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, or of this Commonwealth, or of this instrument.

Sixth. No person shall be the rector or assistant minister of this church unless he shall have had Episcopal ordination, and unless he be in full standing with the Protestant Episcopal Church of the State of Pennsylvania and of the United States and recognized as such by the Bishop of this Diocese, or, in case of a vacancy in the episcopate, by the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

Seventh. The said vestry shall have full power to choose their own officers, and they shall annually, at their first meeting after their election, choose one of their own number to be one churchwarden, and the rector for the time being shall elect another of the said vestrymen to be the other churchwarden of the said church. In case of the vacancy of the office of rector at the time of the election, the other churchwarden shall also be chosen by the vestry, to remain until the election of a rector or a new election of the vestry. And during such vacancy the churchwardens for the time being and vestrymen shall have the same powers and authority relating to the disposition of the rents and revenues of the said corporation as are hereby vested in the rector, churchwardens and vestrymen: *Provided always*, That it shall be the duty of the said churchwardens and vestrymen to elect another rector to supply the vacancy as soon as conveniently may be.

Eighth. The seven following-named persons to be the churchwardens and vestrymen, to continue in office until the election on Easter Monday next, and until others be chosen, viz:

Thomas J. Bigham, senior warden.

Alexander Rowland, junior warden.

George Lowen, William Adams, Richard Stubbs, Benjamin White, A. Kirk Lewis, vestrymen.

Mount Washington, October 22, 1851.

(Signed)

A. KIRK LEWIS,
Clerk of Vestry.

WM. H. PADDOCK,
Chairman and District Missionary
in Western Pennsylvania.

And now, to wit, March 26, 1852, the said application having been presented in open court, on motion of W. O. Leslie, Esq., it was ordered to be filed and notice thereof to be given in the Weekly Gazette for three weeks, and that the said charter of incorporation will be granted on Saturday, the seventeenth day of April next, unless cause be shown to the contrary.

BY THE COURT.

And now, to wit, April 26, 1852, it appearing to the court that notice of the application for said charter has been given according to law, and no reason having been shown why the same should not be granted, the court do order and decree that the persons associated as therein set forth shall, according to the liability and conditions in said instrument set forth and contained, become and be a corporation or body politic in law and in fact, to have continuance by the name, style and title of "The Rector, Churchwardens and Vestry of Grace Church, Mount Washington;" and the court further order and direct that said charter of incorporation be recorded in the office for recording deeds in and for the County of Allegheny.

From the record.

[L. s.]

(Signed) GEO. S. HAYS, *Pro.*

April 26, 1852.

No. 13, June Term, 1852.

VESTRIES OF GRACE CHURCH, AND OFFICERS OF THE SAME.

- 1851-1852—Thomas J. Bigham, senior warden.
 Alexander Rowland, junior warden.
 A. Kirk Lewis, secretary.
 George Lowen, William Adams, Richard Stubbs,
 Benjamin White, vestrymen.

The records of the vestry from 1852 to 1867 have been lost. During these years, Thomas J. Bigham was senior warden.

- 1867—Thomas J. Bigham, senior warden.
 William L. Bond, junior warden.
 William Halpin, treasurer.
 John C. Shaler, Jr., secretary.
 Samuel Harper, Julian Maddox, Jacob Wilbert, vestrymen.

- 1868—Thomas J. Bigham, John C. Shaler, Jr., wardens.
 Thomas Shannon, William Digby, William Hughes, Christ Minsinger, Edward Bratt, vestrymen.

- 1869—Edward Bratt, senior warden.
 John C. Shaler, Jr., secretary and junior warden.
 Samuel Harper, treasurer.
 John S. McMillin, Thomas J. Bigham, William Bond, William Halpin, vestrymen.

- 1870—Edward Bratt, senior warden.
 John C. Shaler, Jr., secretary and junior warden.
 Samuel Harper, treasurer.
 John S. McMillin, William L. Bond, William Halpin, Thomas J. Bigham, vestrymen.

- 1871—William Halpin, senior warden.
 John C. Shaler, Jr., secretary and junior warden.
 Thomas J. Bigham, Thomas Jackson, Edward Bratt, William L. Bond, John S. McMillin, vestrymen.

- 1872—William Halpin, senior warden.
 John C. Davitt, secretary and junior warden.
 Edward Bratt, treasurer.
 William L. Bond, John S. McMillin, Thomas Jackson, Thomas J. Bigham, vestrymen.

- 1873—William Halpin, senior warden.
 Alfred Marland, junior warden.
 Edward Bratt, treasurer.
 John Naysmith, secretary.
 William L. Bond, Samuel H. Goldthorp, John
 S. McMillin, verstrymen.
- 1874—William Halpin, senior warden.
 Alfred Marland, junior warden.
 Edward Bratt, treasurer.
 Edward H. Dermitt, secretary.
 William L. Bond, Samuel H. Goldthorp, John
 S. McMillin, vestrymen.
- 1875—William Halpin, senior warden.
 Alfred Marland, junior warden.
 Edward Bratt, treasurer.
 Edward H. Dermitt, secretary.
 John S. McMillin, William L. Bond, Samuel
 H. Goldthorp, vestrymen.
- 1876—William Halpin, senior warden.
 Alfred Marland, junior warden.
 Edward Bratt, treasurer.
 Edward H. Dermitt, secretary.
 John S. McMillin, William L. Bond, Thomas J.
 Bigham, vestrymen.
- 1877—William Halpin, senior warden.
 Alfred Marland, junior warden.
 Edward Bratt, treasurer.
 Edward H. Dermitt, secretary.
 John S. McMillin, William L. Bond, Thomas J.
 Bigham, vestrymen.
- 1878—William Halpin, senior warden.
 Alfred Marland, junior warden.
 Edward Bratt, treasurer.
 Edward H. Dermitt, secretary.
 Thomas J. Bigham, John S. McMillin, William
 L. Bond, vestrymen.
- 1879—John C. Shaler, Jr., senior warden.
 Alfred Marland, junior warden.
 Edward Bratt, treasurer.
 Edward H. Dermitt, secretary.
 Thomas J. Bigham, John S. McMillin, William
 Halpin, vestrymen.

- 1880—Alfred Marland, senior warden.
 John C. Shaler, Jr., junior warden.
 Edward Bratt, treasurer.
 Edward H. Dermitt, secretary.
 Thomas J. Bigham, John S. McMillin, William
 L. Kenah, vestrymen.
- 1881—Alfred Marland, senior warden.
 John C. Shaler, Jr., junior warden.
 Edward Bratt, treasurer.
 Edward H. Dermitt, secretary.
 Thomas J. Bigham, John S. McMillin, William
 L. Kenah, vestrymen.
- 1882—John S. McMillin, senior warden.
 Alfred Marland, junior warden.
 Edward Bratt, treasurer.
 John C. Shaler, Jr., secretary.
 Thomas J. Bigham, Edward H. Dermitt, Wil-
 liam L. Kenah, vestrymen.
- 1883—John Bindley, senior warden.
 Alfred Marland, junior warden.
 Edward Bratt, treasurer.
 John C. Shaler, Jr., secretary.
 Thomas J. Bigham, John S. McMillin, William
 L. Kenah, vestrymen.
- 1884—John Bindley, senior warden.
 Alfred Marland, junior warden.
 Edward Bratt, treasurer.
 John C. Shaler, Jr., secretary.
 Thomas J. Bigham, John S. McMillin, Dr. O.
 W. Sadler, vestrymen.
- 1885—John Bindley, senior warden.
 Samuel G. Reed, junior warden.
 John S. McMillin, treasurer.
 John C. Shaler, Jr., secretary.
 Edward Bratt, Alfred Marland, Dr. Orin W.
 Sadler, vestrymen.
- 1886—John Bindley, senior warden.
 Samuel G. Reed, junior warden.
 John S. McMillin, treasurer.
 John C. Shaler, Jr., secretary.
 Kirk Q. Bigham, Alfred Marland, Dr. Orin W.
 Sadler, vestrymen.

- 1887—John Bindley, senior warden.
 Samuel G. Reed, junior warden.
 John S. McMillin, treasurer.
 John C. Shaler, Jr., secretary.
 Kirk G. Bigham, Alfred Marland, Dr. Orin W. Sadler, vestrymen.
- 1888—John Bindley, senior warden.
 Samuel G. Reed, junior warden.
 John S. McMillin, treasurer.
 John C. Shaler, Jr., secretary.
 Dr. Orin W. Sadler, Oliver H. Stinson, William P. Linhart, vestrymen.
- 1889—John Bindley, senior warden.
 Oliver H. Stinson, junior warden.
 John S. McMillin, treasurer.
 John C. Shaler, Jr., secretary.
 Dr. Orin W. Sadler, William P. Linhart, Thomas F. Ashford, Sr., vestrymen.
- 1890—John Bindley, senior warden.
 Oliver H. Stinson, junior warden.
 John S. McMillin, treasurer.
 John C. Shaler, Jr., secretary.
 Dr. Orin W. Sadler, William P. Linhart, Thomas F. Ashford, Sr., vestrymen.
- 1891—Alfred Marland, senior warden.
 Oliver H. Stinson, junior warden.
 William P. Linhart, treasurer.
 John C. Shaler, Jr., secretary.
 John S. McMillin, Dr. Orin W. Sadler, Thomas F. Ashford, Sr., vestrymen.
- 1892—Alfred Marland, senior warden.
 Oliver H. Stinson, junior warden.
 William P. Linhart, treasurer.
 John C. Shaler, secretary.
 John S. McMillin, Dr. Orin W. Sadler, Thomas F. Ashford, Sr., vestrymen.
- 1893—Alfred Marland, senior warden.
 Oliver H. Stinson, junior warden.
 Robert Naysmith, treasurer.
 John C. Shaler, secretary.
 Dr. Orin W. Sadler, William P. Linhart, Thomas F. Ashford, Sr., secretary *pro tempore*, vestrymen.

Mr. W. P. Linhart resigned in ———, 1893, and George A. Johnson was elected to fill the vacancy.

Robert Naysmith resigned in September, 1893, and Melville L. Stout was elected to fill the vacancy.

1894—Thomas F. Ashford, Sr., senior warden.

Oliver H. Stinson, junior warden.

George A. Johnson, treasurer.

Melville L. Stout, secretary.

John C. Shaler, William Groves, Percy Whaley, vestrymen.

1895—Thomas F. Ashford, Sr., senior warden.

Oliver H. Stinson, junior warden.

George A. Johnson, treasurer.

Melville L. Stout, secretary.

John C. Shaler, Harry W. Neely, Edward C. Purkey, vestrymen.

1896—John Conway Shaler, senior warden.

Oliver Halpin Stinson, junior warden.

Melville L. Stout, Thomas F. Ashford, Sr.,

Samuel Groves, George A. Johnson, Harry W. Neely, vestrymen.

1897—Thomas F. Ashford, Sr., senior warden.

Harry W. Neely, junior warden.

Thomas J. Bigham, treasurer.

George A. Johnson, Samuel H. Kenah, John J.

Lowe, Melville L. Stout, vestrymen.

1898—Thomas F. Ashford, Sr., senior warden.

Harry W. Neely, junior warden.

Thomas J. Bigham, treasurer.

John J. Lowe, Oliver H. Stinson, Melville

L. Stout, David R. Torrence, vestrymen.

1899—David R. Torrence, senior warden.

Harry W. Neely, junior warden.

Thomas J. Bigham, treasurer.

John J. Lowe, Joseph Nagley Reeves, Oliver

H. Stinson, David R. Torrence, vestrymen.

1900—David R. Torrence, senior warden.

Harry W. Neely, junior warden.

George H. Baker, Thomas J. Bigham, John

J. Lowe, Joseph N. Reeves, Oliver H. Stinson, vestrymen.

- 1901—David R. Torrence, senior warden.
Harry W. Neely, junior warden.
George H. Baker, Joseph William Bowman,
John J. Lowe, Joseph N. Reeves, Oliver H.
Stinson, vestrymen.

At a meeting of the vestry on November 1, 1901,
Mr. Joseph W. Bowman resigned, and Thomas J.
Bigham was elected to fill the vacancy.

- 1902—Thomas J. Bigham, senior warden.
George H. Baker, junior warden.
John E. Boyce, George E. Brush, William
Groves, Edward C. Purkey, Melville L.
Stout, vestrymen.

- 1903—George H. Baker, senior warden.
Melville L. Stout, junior warden and secretary.
Thomas J. Bigham, treasurer.
John E. Boyce, Joseph William Bowman,
George E. Brush, Edward C. Purkey, vestry-
men.

DEPUTIES TO ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The parish was admitted into union with the Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania May 20, 1852. No deputies seem to have been elected to the Convention of 1853.

1854—Thomas J. Bigham, George Lowen, A. Kirk Lewis.

1855—No deputies reported to the Convention.

1856—No deputies reported to the Convention.

1857—Thomas J. Bigham.

1858—Thomas J. Bigham, A. Kirk Lewis.

1859—Thomas J. Bigham, Richard Stubbs, A. Kirk Lewis.

1860—No deputies reported to the Convention.

1861—No deputies reported to the Convention.

1862—Thomas J. Bigham.

1863—Thomas J. Bigham.

1864—Thomas J. Bigham, Levi H. Harris, John S. McMillin.

1865—Thomas J. Bigham, Levi H. Harris, John S. McMillin.

DEPUTIES TO THE CONVENTION OF THE DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH.

The Diocese of Pittsburgh was organized in 1865.

Deputies to the primary convention, November 15, 1865: Thomas J. Bigham, Levi H. Harris, Isaac Whittier.

DEPUTIES TO THE ANNUAL CONVENTIONS.

1866—Thomas J. Bigham, Levi H. Harris, John S. McMillin.

1867—Thomas J. Bigham, John S. McMillin, John C. Shaler, Jr.

1868—Thomas J. Bigham, Edward Bratt, Sr., Thomas Shannon.

1869—Thomas J. Bigham. William Halpin, Samuel Harper.

1870—Thomas J. Bigham, William Halpin, John S. McMillin.

1871—Thomas J. Bigham, William Halpin, John S. McMillin.

- 1872—Thomas J. Bigham, William Halpin, John S. McMillin.
- 1873—Edward Bratt, Sr., William Halpin, John S. McMillin.
- 1874—Edward Bratt, Sr., Edwin H. Dermitt, John S. McMillin.
- 1875—William Halpin, Alfred Marland, John S. McMillin.
- 1876—William Halpin, Edwin H. Dermitt, John S. McMillin.
- 1877—Thomas J. Bigham, William Halpin, John S. McMillin.
- 1878—Thomas J. Bigham, John C. Shaler, Jr., John S. McMillin.
- 1879—Thomas J. Bigham, John C. Shaler, Jr., Edwin H. Dermitt.
- 1880—Thomas J. Bigham, Edward Bratt, Sr., John S. McMillin.
- 1881—Thomas J. Bigham, John C. Shaler, Jr., John S. McMillin.
- 1881—October 19, Special Convention for the election of a Bishop—Thomas J. Bigham, Alfred Marland, John S. McMillin.
- 1882—Thomas J. Bigham, Edward Bratt, John S. McMillin.
- 1883—Thomas J. Bigham, John C. Shaler, Jr., John S. McMillin.
- 1884—John Bindley, John C. Shaler, Jr., John S. McMillin.
- 1885—John C. Shaler, Jr., Alfred Marland, John S. McMillin.
- 1886—Alfred Marland, John S. McMillin.
- 1887—John C. Shaler, Jr., Alfred Marland, John S. McMillin.
- 1888—John C. Shaler, Jr., William P. Linhart, John S. McMillin.
- 1889—John C. Shaler, Jr., Alfred Marland, Oliver H. Stinson.
- 1890—John C. Shaler, Jr., O. W. Sadler, M. D., John S. McMillin.
- 1891—Alfred Marland, Thomas F. Ashford, Sr.
- 1892—Alfred Marland, O. W. Sadler, M. D.
- 1893—Alfred Marland, Orin W. Sadler, M. D.
- 1894—John C. Shaler, Oliver H. Stinson.

- 1895—Thomas F. Ashford, Sr., John C. Shaler.
- 1896—Oliver H. Stinson, Harry W. Neely.
- 1897—Thomas F. Ashford, Sr., Harry W. Neely.
- 1898—David R. Torrence, Harry W. Neely.
- 1899—Thomas J. Bigham, Harry W. Neely.
- 1900—Harry W. Neely, Oliver H. Stinson, David R.
Torrence.
- 1901—Thomas J. Bigham, Joseph N. Reeves, David
R. Torrence.
- 1902—Thomas J. Bigham, William Groves, George
H. Baker.
- 1903—Thomas J. Bigham, George H. Baker, Joseph
William Bowman

FIRST LIST OF PARISHIONERS

OF

GRACE CHURCH, MOUNT WASHINGTON, JUNE 1, 1853.

(Prepared by the Rev. John G. Furey, rector.)

Adams, William, Virginia Street, mechanic.

Adams, Maria, Virginia Street, wife of the above.

Bingham, Thomas J., Woodlawn, lawyer.

Bigham, Maria Lewis, Woodlawn, wife of the above.

Chivers, George, Chiverton, mechanic.

Chivers, Mrs., Chiverton, wife of the above.

Golding, Thomas H., Grandview Avenue, steam-boat captain.

Golding, Mary Deane, Grandview Avenue, wife of the above.

Golding, Mary, Grandview Avenue, sister of Captain Golding.

Golding, Anna Maria, Grandview Avenue, niece of Captain Golding.

Golding, William, Grandview Avenue, brother of Captain Golding.

Golding, Mary, Grandview Avenue mother of Captain Golding.

Leslie, William Oliver, counselor at law.

Leslie, Bertha, wife of the above.

Lewis, A. Kirk, Duquesne Heights.

Lewis, Mary Orth, Duquesne Heights, wife of the above.

Lowen, George, Virginia Street, manager of gas works.

Lowen, Maria, Virginia Street, wife of the above.

Lowen, Maria, Virginia Street, daughter of the above.

Lowen, Margaret, Virginia Street, daughter of the above;

Lowen, John, Virginia Street, son of the above.

Lowen, Seth, Virginia Street, son of the above.

Lowen, Yates, Virginia Street, son of the above.

McMillin, John S., Grandview Avenue, steam-boat captain.

McMillin, Phebe, Grandview Avenue, wife of the above.

Neale, Emily.

Neeley, Robert, Virginia Street.
 Neeley, Margaret A., sister of the above.
 Richardson, Henry, jeweler.
 Richardson, Caroline, wife of the above.
 Reese, David, farmer.
 Reese, Mrs. Sarah, wife of the above.
 Scott, Mary A.
 Shannon, Capt. Thomas, steamboat captain.
 Shannon, Mrs. Margaret, wife of the above.
 Stubbs, Richard, Bertha Street, mechanic.
 Stubbs, Jane, Bertha Street, wife of the above.
 Stubbs, Jane, Bertha Street, daughter of Richard.
 Stubbs, Ella, Bertha Street, daughter of Richard.
 Torrence, Robert, farmer.
 Torrence, Mary Elizabeth, wife of the above.
 Wilson, Rebecca, daughter of S. B. Wilson.
 Wilson, Sarah B., wife of Dr. Wilson.

SECOND LIST OF PARISHIONERS

OF

GRACE CHURCH, MOUNT WASHINGTON, NOVEMBER
4, 1866.

(Prepared by the Rev. B. B. Killikelly, D. D., rector.)

Adams, William, Virginia Street, mechanic.
 Adams, Maria, Virginia Street, wife of the above.
 Bigham, Thomas J., Woodlawn, lawyer.
 Bigham, Maria Lewis, Woodlawn, wife of the above.
 Bigham, Joel Lewis, Woodlawn, son of the above.
 Bigham, Kirk Q., Woodlawn, son of the above.
 Bigham, Mary, Woodlawn, daughter of the above.
 Bigham, Eliza, Woodlawn, daughter of the above.
 Bigham, Louisa, Woodlawn, daughter of the above.
 Blanton, Charles.
 Blanton, Susan, wife of the above.
 Blanton, —, son of the above.
 Blanton, Rhoda, daughter of the above.
 Bond, William L., Virginia Avenue, florist.
 Bond, Anna Maria, Virginia Avenue, wife of the
 above.
 Bond, Sarah Isabella, Virginia Avenue, daughter
 of the above.
 Bond, Julian George, Virginia Avenue, son of the
 above.

Bond, Mary Eleanor, Virginia Avenue, daughter of the above.

Bratt, Edward, Wyoming Street, magistrate.

Bratt, Jane, Wyoming Street, wife of the above.

Bratt, Nellie, Wyoming Street, daughter of the above.

Campbell, Mary Jane, wife of Alexander.

Chapman, James, unmarried, late from Ireland.

Craig, Bergan B.

Craig, Phebe, wife of the above.

Craig, Julia Ann, daughter of the above.

Ditmore, Miss Barbara, a member of Captain McMillin's family.

Golding, Mary, Grandview Avenue, mother of Captain Golding.

Golding, Mary, Grandview Avenue, daughter of Mary.

Golding, William, Grandview Avenue, son of Mary.

Golding, Thomas H., Grandview Avenue, steamboat captain.

Golding, Mary Dean, Grandview Avenue, wife of the above.

Golding, Isabella, Grandview Avenue, daughter of the above.

Goldthorp, Samuel H., Wyoming Street, gas engineer.

Goldthorp, Sarah Lowen, Wyoming Street, wife of the above.

Goldthorp, Joshua, Wyoming Street, son of the above.

Goldthorp, Mary, Wyoming Street, daughter of the above.

Goldthorp, Elizabeth, Wyoming Street, daughter of the above.

Goldthorp, Kate, Wyoming Street, daughter of the above.

Goldthorp, Sarah, Wyoming Street, daughter of the above.

Halpin, William, Virginia Street, gas fitter and plumber.

Halpin, Maria Lowen, Virginia Street, wife of the above.

Halpin, Mary, Virginia Street, daughter of the above.

Halpin, Ann, Virginia Street, daughter of the above.
 Halpin, Sarah Goldthorp, Virginia Street, daughter of the above.

Hughes, William, Wyoming Street, iron roller.

Hughes, Agnes, Wyoming Street, wife of the above.

Hughes, Margaret, Wyoming Street, daughter of the above.

Hughes, Agnes Washington, Wyoming Street, daughter of the above.

Hibbs, Samuel, mechanic.

Hibbs, Alice, wife of the above.

Lowen, George, Mount Washington, gas inspector for Pittsburgh Gas Works.

Lowen, Mary, Mount Washington, wife of the above.

Lowen, Isabella, Mount Washington, daughter of the above.

Lowen, Charlotte, Mount Washington, daughter of the above.

Lowen, Yates, Mount Washington, son of the above.

Lowen, Kate, Mount Washington, daughter of the above.

Lowen, John (son of George), Mount Washington, nurseryman.

Lowen, Sophia Vick, Mount Washington, wife of the above.

Lowen, George, Mount Washington, son of the above.

Lowen, Walter, Mount Washington, son of the above.

Lowen, Jennie, Mount Washington, daughter of the above.

Maddox, Julian, Virginia Street, florist.

Minsinger, William, Prospect Street, son of Gotlieb and Caroline.

Minsinger, Elizabeth, Prospect Street, daughter of Gotlieb and Caroline.

McMillin, John S., Grandview Avenue, steamboat captain.

McMillen, Phebe, Grandview Avenue, wife of the above.

Smith, Emily, Grandview Avenue, niece of Captain McMillin.

Neeley, Miss Margaret A., Virginia Street, sister of Robert.

Pare, John, Sycamore Street, groceryman.

Pare, Sarah, Sycamore Street, wife of the above.

Shaler, John Conway, Duquesne Heights, farmer.

Shaler, Sena, Duquesne Heights, wife of the above.

Shaler, John Conway, Jr., Duquesne Heights, son of the above.

Shaler, Augusta, Duquesne Heights, daughter of the above.

Shannon, Thomas, Virginia Street.

Shannon, Margaret, Virginia Street, wife of the above.

Shannon, William, son of the above.

Shannon, Elizabeth, daughter of the above.

Shafer, Miss Theresa, Grandview Avenue, daughter of Casper.

Stubbs, Jane, Bertha Street, wife of Richard.

Stubbs, Ella, Bertha Street, daughter of Richard and Jane.

Torrence, Mary Elizabeth, Sycamore Street, widow of Robert.

Torrence, David R., Sycamore Street, son of Robert and Mary.

Torrence, Sarah, Sycamore Street, daughter of Robert and Mary.

Torrence, Rebecca, Sycamore Street, daughter of Robert and Mary.

Torrence, Mary Elizabeth, Sycamore Street, daughter of Robert and Mary.

Torrence, Robert Reed, Sycamore Street, son of Robert and Mary.

Torrence, Ephraim, Sycamore Street, son of Robert and Mary.

Reese, Mrs. Sarah, Sycamore Street, mother of Mrs. Mary E. Torrence and a member of her family.

Trotter, Robert, Mount Washington, mechanic.

Trotter, Dorothy, Mount Washington, wife of the above.

Trotter, Dorothy, Mount Washington, daughter of the above.

Trotter, Robert, Mount Washington, son of the above.

Trotter, Elizabeth, Mount Washington, daughter of the above.

Trotter, Mary, Mount Washington, daughter of the above.

Wilmot, Prudence, Kohlmeyer's Lane, wife of George.

Wilmot, Prudence, Kohlmeyer's Lane, daughter of George and Prudence.

Wilmot, Fanny, Kohlmeyer's Lane, daughter of George and Prudence.

Wilmot, Mary A., Kohlmeyer's Lane, daughter of George and Prudence.

Wilmot, Edwin, Kohlmeyer's Lane, son of George and Prudence.

THIRD LIST OF PARISHIONERS

OF

GRACE CHURCH, MOUNT WASHINGTON, EASTER, 1886.

(Prepared by the Rev. Robert J. Coster, rector.)

Ashford, Thomas F. (1882), Virginia Street, book-keeper.

Ashford, Mary A., Virginia Street, wife of the above.

Ashford, Thomas F., Jr., Virginia Street, son of the above.

Ashford, Georgina, Virginia Street, daughter of the above.

Ashford, Nellie, Virginia Street, daughter of the above.

Ashford, Mary, Virginia Street, daughter of the above.

Ashford, Joseph, Virginia Street, son of the above.

Ashford, Annie Lenora, Virginia Street, daughter of the above.

Ashford, Margaret B., Virginia Street, daughter of the above.

Armiger, Mrs. Margaret, Sycamore Street, wife of James B.

Armiger, Ida, Sycamore Street, daughter of James B. and Margaret.

Armiger, Anna Brokaw, Sycamore Street, daughter of James B. and Margaret.

Armiger, George, Sycamore Street, son of James B. and Margaret.

Bigham, Mrs. Maria Lewis (1852), Woodlawn, widow of Hon. Thomas J.

Bigham, Kirk Q., Woodlawn, son of Hon. Thomas J.

Bigham, Eliza, Woodlawn, daughter of Hon. Thomas J.

Bennett, Miss Emma, Boggs Avenue, sister of Mrs. Samuel Boggs.

Boggs, Mrs. Sarah, Boggs Avenue, widow of Samuel Boggs.

Bindley, Albion (1884), Boggs Avenue, lumber dealer.

Bindley, John (1882), Boggs Avenue, hardware merchant.

Bindley, Emeline H., Boggs Avenue, wife of the above.

Bindley, John C., Boggs Avenue, son of the above.

Bindley, Edward, Boggs Avenue, son of the above.

Bindley, William, Boggs Avenue, son of the above.

Bindley, Adelaide, Boggs Avenue, daughter of the above.

Bond, William L. (1866), Virginia Street, florist.

Bond, Anna M., Virginia Street, wife of the above.

Bond, Thomas, Virginia Street, son of the above.

Bond, William, Virginia Street, son of the above.

Bond, Robert C., Virginia Street, son of the above.

Bond, Frank, Virginia Street, son of the above.

Bond, Charles, Virginia Street, son of the above.

Brunt, William H. : wife, Annie L. ; children, Hamilton, Frank and Nellie, Wyoming Street.

Burrell, Henry M., Sycamore Street, mechanic.

Burrell, Mary E. Torrence, Sycamore Street, wife of Henry M.

Burrell, Richard, Sycamore Street, son of the above

Burrell, Leila, Sycamore Street, daughter of the above.

Croner, Mary E. (1871), Shiloh Street, wife of Abraham G.

Croner, Edna, Shiloh Street, daughter of the above.

Croner, Charles, Shiloh Street, son of the above.

Chamberlain, James, Duquesne Heights, civil engineer.

Chamberlain, Nellie, Duquesne Heights, wife of the above.

Chamberlain, Philo, Duquesne Heights, son of James and Nellie.

Chamberlain, Charles, Duquesne Heights, son of James and Nellie.

Coward, John W. (1880), Smith's way, near Boggs Avenue, molder.

Coward, Mary Wilmot, Smith's way, wife of the above

Coward, Charles, Smith's way, son of John W. and Mary.

Coward, Prudence, Smith's way, daughter of John W. and Mary.

Coward, Nannie, Smith's way, daughter of John W. and Mary.

Dermitt, Edward H. (1874), Grace Street, life insurance agent.

Dermitt, Kate Goldthorp, Grace Street, wife of the above.

Dermitt, Helena Marie, Grace Street, daughter of Edward and Kate.

Dermitt, Lilian, Grace Street, daughter of Edward and Kate.

Davis, A. P., Bigham Street, fire insurance agent.

Davis, Mrs. A. P., Bigham Street, wife of the above.

Davis, Herbert, Bigham Street, son of the above.

Ferguson, Miss Edith, Merrimac Street, artist.

Glaze, Alfred George (1886), Bigham Street, roll turner.

Glaze, Emma James, Bigham Street, wife of the above.

Glaze, Sarah, Bigham Street, daughter of the above.

Glaze, Frank, Bigham Street, son of the above.

Glaze, George, Bigham Street, son of the above.

Glaze, James, Bigham Street, son of the above.

Goehring, Mrs. Eliza A., Grandview Avenue, wife of Captain Goehring.

Goehring, Frank, Grandview Avenue, adopted son of Captain Goehring.

Robinson, Mrs. Lidie Goehring, Grandview Avenue, wife of Cyrus Robinson.

Goldthorp, Joshua, Grace Street, furnace dealer.

Goldthorp, Margaret Douglas, Grace Street, wife of the above.

Goldthorp, Elizabeth, Grace Street, daughter of the above.

Goldthorp, Samuel Lee, Grace Street, son of the above.

Goldthorp, Samuel H., Wyoming Street, gas engineer.

Goldthorp, Elizabeth, Wyoming Street, daughter of Samuel H.

Steele, Sarah, Wyoming Street, granddaughter of Samuel H. Goldthorp.

Heppenstall, H. R., Merrimac Street, clerk.

Heppenstall, Arthur, Merrimac Street, son of the above.

Hibbs, Mrs. Alice, Kearsage Street, widow.

Hughes, William, Wyoming Street, iron roller.

Hughes, Agnes, Wyoming Street, wife of William.

Hughes, Agnes, Wyoming Street, daughter of William and Agnes.

Hughes, Annie, Wyoming Street, daughter of William and Agnes.

Hughes, Andrew, Wyoming Street, son of William and Agnes.

Hughes, Elizabeth, Wyoming Street, daughter of William and Agnes.

Hughes, Margaret, Wyoming Street, daughter of William and Agnes.

Hughes, William, Wyoming Street, son of William and Agnes.

Howarth, John, Grace Street, engineer.

Howarth, Elizabeth Minsinger, Grace Street, wife of the above.

Howarth, Mary Alice, Grace Street, daughter of the above.

Howarth, James H., Grace Street, son of the above.

Howarth, Caroline, Grace Street, daughter of the above.

Howarth, Samuel Harper, Grace Street, son of the above.

Jackson, Thomas (1866), near ward schoolhouse, bookkeeper.

Jackson, Anna, near schoolhouse, daughter of the above.

Jackson, Mrs., Southern Avenue, widow of John William.

James, Henry, Sr. (1878), Bigham Street, quarryman.

James, Ann, Bigham Street, wife of the above.

James, Henry, Jr., Bigham Street, son of Henry, Sr.

James, Mary C., Bigham Street, wife of Henry, Jr.

James, Henry (Minimus), Bigham Street, son of Henry, Jr.

Kenah, William L. (1878), Virginia Street, clerk, B. & O. R. R.

Kenah, Mary Boisol, Virginia Street, wife of the above.

Kenah, Mary Elizabeth, Virginia Street, daughter of the above.

Kenah, Samuel H., Virginia Street, son of the above.

Kenah, William Boisol, Virginia Street, son of the above.

Kenney, John P. (1878), Shiloh Street, carpenter.

Kenney, Sarah, Shiloh Street, wife of the above.

Kenney, Franklin, Shiloh Street, son of the above.

Kimmel, Mrs. Mary, Norton Street, widow.

Kimmel, George, Norton Street, son of the above.

Kimmel, Edward, Norton Street, son of the above.

Lefferts, James (1879), Virginia Street, insurance agent.

Lefferts, Mrs., Virginia Street, wife of the above.

Lefferts, Harry, Virginia Street, son of the above.

List, George, Merrimac Street, painter.

Maddox, Julian (1886), Virginia Street, clerk, incline plane.

Marland, Alfred (1871), Grandview Avenue, mill manager.

Marland, Sarah, Grandview Avenue, wife of the above.

Marland, Lottie, Grandview Avenue, daughter of the above.

Marland, Ignatia, Grandview Avenue, daughter of the above.

Marland, Ernest, Grandview Avenue, son of the above.

Marland, John Smith, Grandview Avenue, son of Mrs. Marland.

McMillin, John S. (1853), Grandview Avenue, retired steamboat captain.

McMillin, Mary Bindley, Grandview Avenue, wife of the above.

McMillin, Elmina, Grandview Avenue, daughter of the above.

McMillin, Emily, Grandview Avenue, daughter of the above.

McMillin, Edwin, Grandview Avenue, son of the above.

McMillin, Albion Bindley, Grandview Avenue, son of the above.

Minsinger, Jacob (1879), Prospect Street, coke dealer.

Minsinger, Annie Zehfuss, Prospect Street, wife of the above.

Minsinger, Edith, Prospect Street, daughter of the above.

Minsinger, Walter, Prospect Street, son of the above.

Minsinger, John Zehfuss, Prospect Street, son of the above.

Montgomery, Standish (1884), Union Street, clerk.

Montgomery, Lucy D., Union Street, wife of the above,

Montgomery, Paul Standish, Union Street, son of the above.

Montgomery, Helen, Union Street, daughter of the above.

Montgomery, Katherine Peddard, Union Street, daughter of the above.

Neeley, Miss Margaret A., Virginia Street, sister of Robert.

Paul, Mrs. Mary Storer, at Captain McMillin's, widow.

Paul, Nellie, at Captain McMillin's, daughter of the above.

Reed, Samuel G. (1878), Virginia Street, coal dealer.

Reed, Margaret, Virginia Street, daughter of the above.

Reed, George, Virginia Street, son of the above.

Reed, Harriett, Virginia Street, daughter of the above.

Eynon, Miss, Virginia Street, sister-in-law of Mr. Reed.

Revelvy, Paul (1872), Natchez Street, conductor Monongahela Incline Plane.

Revelvy, Mary, Natchez Street, wife of the above.

Revelvy, Robert, Natchez Street, son of the above.

Robinson, Mrs. Mary, wife of James.

Robinson, Irene, daughter of James and Mary.

Robinson, Mary, daughter of James and Mary.

Robinson, Chrissey, daughter of James and Mary

Sadler, Orin W. (1883), Grandview Avenue, physician.

Sadler, Josephine, Grandview Avenue, wife of the above.

Sadler, Lucy, Grandview Avenue, daughter of the above.

Sadler, Orin W., Grandview Avenue, son of the above.

Sadler, Samuel Slocum, Grandview Avenue, son of the above.

Shaler, John C., Sr., Duquesne Heights, farmer.

Shaler, Sena, Duquesne Heights, wife of the above.

Shaler, Augusta, Duquesne Heights, daughter of the above.

Shaler, John Conway, Jr., Duquesne Heights, bookkeeper, son of John C. and Sena.

Shaler, Nellie Bratt, Duquesne Heights, wife of John C., Jr.

Shaler, Edward Conway, Duquesne Heights, son of the above.

Shaler, Harry G., Duquesne Heights, son of the above.

Shaler, William Denning, Duquesne Heights, son of the above.

Shaler, Edith, Duquesne Heights, daughter of Clarence.

Shaler, Augusta, Duquesne Heights, daughter of Clarence.

Shaler, James, Duquesne Heights, son of Clarence.

Slocum, Mary, Grandview Avenue, sister of Mrs. Dr. Sadler.

Slocum, Sarah, Grandview Avenue, sister of Mrs. Dr. Sadler.

Smith, Mrs. Thomas, Virginia Street, wife of Thomas.

Smith, Elizabeth Grace, Virginia Street, wife of David H.

Smith, Anna Bell, Virginia, Street, daughter of the above.

Smith, George, Virginia Street, son of the above.

Smith, Lily, Virginia Street, daughter of the above.

Smithson, Mrs. Elizabeth A., Shiloh Street, widow.

Smithson, Miss Edith, Shiloh Street, daughter of Elizabeth.

Speer, Mrs. William, Wyoming Street, sister of Mrs. Brunt.

Speer, Harry, Wyoming Street, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Speer.

Speer, Aaron, Wyoming Street, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Speer.

Speer, William, Wyoming Street, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Speer.

Stinson, Mrs. Mary, widow, sister of William Halpin.

Stinson, Oliver, son of Mrs. Stinson.

Stinson, Mary, daughter of Mrs. Stinson.

Stinson, Robert, son of Mrs. Stinson.

Stout, Melville L., Prospect Street, bookkeeper and stenographer.

Stout, Mary Bigham, Prospect Street, wife of the above.

Torrence, David R., Grace Street, clerk in city treasurer's office.

Torrence, Mrs. Elizabeth H., Grace Street, wife of the above.

Torrence, Oscar, Grace Street, son of the above.

Torrence, Robert, Grace Street, son of the above.

Torrence, Elizabeth, Grace Street, daughter of the above.

Torrence, Nellie, Grace Street, daughter of the above.

Torrence, Alice, Grace Street, daughter of the above

Torrence, Mrs. Mary E. (1853), Sycamore Street, widow, mother of David.

Torrence, Sarah, Sycamore Street, daughter of Mrs. Mary E.

Torrence, Rebecca, daughter of Mrs. Mary E.

Torrence, Ephraim, son of Mrs. Mary E.

Torrence, Reed, Sycamore Street, son of Mrs. Mary E.

Torrence, Emma A., Sycamore Street, wife of Reed Torrence.

Torrence, Mary, Sycamore Street, daughter of Reed Torrence.

Thompson, Mrs. Mary, Wyoming Street, daughter of Edward Bratt.

Thompson, Agnes, Wyoming Street, daughter of Mrs. Mary Thompson.

Whittier, Mrs. Helen, Grandview Avenue, widow, mother of Mrs. Samuel Harper.

White, Hugh, Boggs Avenue.

White, William, Boggs Avenue, driver for Mr. John Bindley.

Williams, John (1885), Norton Avenue, mantel setter.

Williams, Sarah, Norton Avenue, wife of the above.

Williams, Mary Ann, Norton Avenue, daughter of the above.

Williams, Alice, Norton Avenue, daughter of the above.

Williams, Eliza Jane, Norton Avenue, daughter of the above.

Williams, Martha, Norton Avenue, daughter of the above.

Wilmot, Mrs. Prudence (1866), Kohlmeyer's Lane, wife of George.

Wilmot, Prudence, Kohlmeyer's Lane, daughter of the above.

Wilmot, Fanny, Kohlmeyer's Lane, daughter of the above.

Wilmot, Edwin, Kohlmeyer's Lane, son of the above.

Wilmot, Caroline, Kohlmeyer's Lane, daughter of the above.

Wilmot, James, Kohlmeyer's Lane, son of the above.

Wilmot, Stanley, Kohlmeyer's Lane, son of the above.

Wilmot, George, Kohlmeyer's Lane, son of the above.

FAMILIES IN THE PARISH, EASTER, 1898.

Anderson, Harry H., Augusta Street, Duquesne Heights.

Armstrong, Mrs. Elizabeth, Southern Avenue.

Ashford, Thomas F., Sr., Bailey Avenue.

Ashford, Thomas F., Jr., Sycamore Street.

Alstadt, George, 52 Prospect Street.

Armiger, James B., Sycamore Street.

Baker, George H., Virginia Avenue.

Barnes, Mrs. Mary A., William Street.

Barr, Joseph, Meriden Street.

Benbow, Mrs. Mary E., Virginia, near Kearsage.

Bennett, Miss Emma G., 98 Boggs Avenue.

Bigham, Kirk Q., Woodville Avenue.

Bond, Thomas M., Lowen Place.

Bond, William L., Sr., Virginia and Oneida.

Bond, William L., Jr., Oneida, near Virginia.

Bowman, Joseph, 63 Stanwix Street.

Bowman, Joseph William, Ulysses Street.

Boyce, John E., Joel's Lane.

Brown, Mrs. Kate, Bertha Street.

Brush, George E., Grandview Avenue.

Burrell, Mrs. Henry M., 121 Sycamore Street.

Cartwright, Mr., Virginia, near Oneida.

Coward, John W., Albert, near Boggs Avenue.

Flinn, James E., 38 Natchez Street.

Florence, James, 138 Plymouth Street.

Gibson, The Misses, Virginia Avenue.

Glaze, George A., 129 Bigham Street.

Gould, Edward, Wyoming, near Sycamore.

Groves, William, Griffin, near Boggs Avenue.

Hall, Mrs. Mary, Sweetbrier Street.

Hamnet, William E., Stanwix Street.

Halpin, William, Virginia and Stanwix.

Harper, Mrs. Helen A., Grandview and Bertha.

Heinrichs, Christian, 105 Kearsage Street.

Higginson, James, William Street.

Hoppman, William, 17 Stanwix Street.

Howarth, John, 39 Prospect Street.

Hughes, Mrs. Annie, Natchez Street.

Hunter, Mrs. D. K., Sycamore Street.

James, Henry, Sr., Bigham, near Sycamore.

Johnson, George A., Cohasset Street, Duquesne Heights.

Kemp, Mr., Wyola Street, Duquesne Heights.

Kenah, William L., 27 Bigham Street.

Kimmel, George, Hall and Gray Streets.

Konstanzer, The Misses, 10 Oneida Street.

Lewis, William A., 54 Ulysses Street.

Lichel, Mrs. Jacob, Wilbert's Way.

Lowe, John J., Sycamore and Plymouth.

Lowen, John, Liberty Borough, Allegheny County.

Maddochs, Julian George, Virginia and Oneida.

Marland, Alfred, Southern Avenue.

Martel, Andrew K., 329 Grandview Avenue.

Martin, William, Grace Street.

Mason, Mrs. Frank, Virginia Avenue.

Meahl, Philip J., 49 LaBelle Street.

Minsinger, Mrs. Jacob, 45 Prospect Street.

Minsinger, John, Boggs Avenue.

Minsinger, Mrs. William, Hall and Cowan Streets.

Moyer, Benjamin F., Greenbush Street.

McComb, Samuel, Grandview Avenue.

McCormick, James K., 225 Sycamore Street.

McDonald, Mathew T., 53 Oneida Street.

McCain, Mrs. William, Sycamore, near Plymouth.

Needham, Henry, Sofel, near Boggs.

Neely, Henry W., Virginia, near Stanwix.

Neely, Miss Margaret, Virginia, near Shiloh.

Neely, Stanley L., 22 Bertha Street.

Newell, Robert, 229 Virginia Avenue.

Niven, Charles, 75 Bigham Street.

Orell, John L., 72 Oneida Street.

Pattison, John, 51 Grace Street.

Phillips, Miss M. L., Boggs Avenue.

Purkey, Edward C., Grandview Avenue, Duquesne Heights.

Purkey, Lewis H., Grandview Avenue, Duquesne Heights.

Ream, Katherine F., Woodville Avenue.

Reed, Samuel G., 108 Boggs Avenue.

Reeves, Joseph N., 17 Stanwix Street.

Revelvy, Paul K., 32 Natchez Street.

Richards, R. R., Meriden Street.

Ritchie, Charles F. A., Plymouth Street.

Robinson, Cyrus M., Bailey Avenue.
 Robinson, James, Grandview, near Oneida.
 Schmidt, F. R., Brownsville Avenue.
 Schornagle, Mrs. F. R., Oneida Street, Duquesne Heights.
 Shaler, Clarence, 70 Olympia Street.
 Shaler, Mrs. John C., 118 Sweetbrier.
 Shaler, Miss Augusta, 118 Sweetbrier.
 Slocum, George Frank, Southern Avenue.
 Small, Albert G., 250 Virginia Avenue.
 Speer, Mrs. David, Albert, near Boggs.
 Stevens, William C., Grandview and Meriden.
 Stinson, Oliver H., Bailey Avenue.
 Stinson, Robert, Wyoming Street.
 Stoer, Mrs. Mary, Church Home.
 Stout, Melville L., Woodville Avenue.
 Thompson, John M., Virginia Avenue.
 Thurston, Dr. Leon, Grandview and Bertha.
 Torrence, David R., Bertha Street.
 Torrence, Mrs. Mary E., 17 Stanwix Street.
 Turbett, Mrs. Charles A., Grandview and Shiloh.
 Voigt, Miss Viola S., Grandview and Merrimac
 Wallace, Miss Jennie L., 54 Grace Street.
 Wilmot, George, Kohlmeyer's Lane.
 Woods, Robert A., Plymouth Street.
 Zehfuss, Phillip, Kearsage Street.
 Zelch, John L., 222 Ulysses Street.

PARISHIONERS OF GRACE CHURCH.

OCTOBER, 1903.

Anderson, Harry H., 56 Augusta Street, Duquesne Heights.
 Caroline D., wife.
 Norma Buick, daughter.
 Alstadt, Margaret Elise, 52 Prospect Street.
 Catherine Francis, sister.
 Armiger, James B., 20 Stanwix Street.
 Ida, daughter.
 Ashford, Thomas F., 221 Sycamore Street.
 Harriett J., wife.
 Thomas Francis, Florence Elizabeth, children.

- Baker, George H., Bailey Avenue.
Viola, wife.
- Banks, Joseph, 33 Boggs Avenue.
Rachel, wife.
John, James, Albert, Annie, children.
- Barnes, Mrs. Mary Ann, 50 William Street.
Thomas Barnes, William John Niell, Joseph Niell, Nellie Niell, children.
- Barr, Mrs. Mary J., 145 Meriden Street.
Elizabeth C., C. Marjorie, William H., children.
- Benbow, Mrs. Mary E., Bailey Avenue.
Franklin Benbow, son.
Agnes B. Biddlestone, sister.
- Bigham, Kirk Q., Woodville Avenue.
- Bigham, Thomas J., 56 LaBelle Street.
Ida N., wife.
Mary Newell, daughter.
- Bollinger, Mrs. F. F., 31 Bertha Street.
Ralph Bollinger, son.
- Bond, Frank S., 1311 Virginia Avenue.
Cornelia A., wife.
Ethel Cornelia, daughter.
- Bond, Robert C., 1311 Virginia Avenue.
Harriett B., wife.
Harriett Miriam, daughter.
- Bond, Thomas G., Virginia and Oneida.
Virginia L., wife.
Thomas Maddocks, Blake Edward, children.
- Bond, William L., Jr., Oneida, near Virginia.
Ida Blanche, wife.
Layton Charles, son.
- Bond, William L., Sr., Virginia and Oneida.
Charles Bond, son.
Harry Butterfield, gardener.
- Bowman, Joseph, 63 Stanwix Street.
Jane, wife.
John F., Alfred D., Arthur H., Alice, Jennie, children.
- Bowman, Joseph William, 14 Bertha Street.
Clara Ann, wife.
William Alfred, Mary Isabel, Joseph Hunt, Robert Neal, Florence Katherine, Grace Shepperson, children.

- Boyce, John E., Meriden Street, near Virginia.
 Hannah Jane, wife.
 Selina B., Lilian Helen, children.
- Bradley, William, 34 Prospect Street.
 Anna E., wife.
 Frederick, Helen May, John, Horace, children.
- Brush, George E., 605 Grandview Avenue.
 Patience, wife.
 Clarence G., son; Antoinette H., adopted daughter.
- Burrell, Leila B., and Robert, children of Henry M.,
 121 Sycamore Street.
- Clark, Mrs. Jessie B., Allegheny.
 Niel Andre, Jessie Brown, children.
- Coward, John W., Albert Street, near Boggs Avenue.
 Mary A., wife.
 Charles W., Prudence R., Violet Irene, Isabella
 Herbert, Frederick J., George Stanley, Mary
 F., John William, Eugene Yensch, children.
- Cullen, Louise, 229 Sycamore Street.
- Deise, John P., 9 Grandview Avenue.
 Ann, Leroy, Charles, children.
- Dick, Mrs. Mary E., 51 Grace Street.
- Durham, Charles H., 25 Plymouth Street.
 Edith Amelia, wife.
 Harold Manners, son.
- Dyer, Mrs. Samuel W. (Caroline), 77 Prospect Street.
 Helen Evelyn, daughter.
- Flinn, James E., 33 Natchez Street.
 Lilly V., wife.
 James E., Jr., Catherine, Caroline May, Lilly,
 Helen Constance, Charles, William, children.
- Florence, James, 135 Plymouth Street.
 Selina, wife.
 Madge, Selina Alicia, James Stuart, children.
- Gibson, Anna, Ethel Alice, William, children of Wil-
 liam F., Westwood, Allegheny County.
- Glaze, Alfred G., West Liberty, Allegheny County.
 Sarah, George, Albert, Emily, Thomas, Harry
 James, Howard, Oliver, children.
- Gordon, Burgoyne, Woodville Avenue.
 Jane, wife.
 Muriel, daughter.

- Gould, Edward, 7 Wyoming Street.
 Silence, wife.
 Edward John, son; Alice Julia, daughter.
- Griffith, Ernest, 227 Ulysses Street.
 Gladys, sister.
- Groves, Fred. H., 601 Grandview Avenue.
 Viola Sarah, wife.
 Hugh Voight, son (infant).
- Hall, Mrs. Mary, Sweetbrier Street.
 Mary, daughter.
- Hardman, Mrs., 11 Shiloh Street.
 Thomas, son.
- Hay, Mrs. Emma, 56 Merrimac Street.
 Christian David, John Meyer, sons.
- Heinrich, Matilda E., Charlotte S., Minerva, Albert
 M., children of Christian and Emma Heinrich,
 105 Kearsage Street.
- Heinrich, Christian J., 40 Alameda Street.
 Ida M., wife.
- Howarth, John, 39 Prospect Street.
 Caroline M., wife.
 James Heeley, Samuel Harper, George Minsinger,
 children.
- Hughes, Mrs. Annie (widow of William), 87 Natchez
 Street.
 William K., Elizabeth, Margaret, children.
- Jamieson, Mrs. Annie, 5 Plymouth Street.
 Blanche, Clarice, Catherine, Laura, Lessel, chil-
 dren.
- Keighley, Miss Lena, 236 Virginia Avenue.
- Kenah, Mrs. Mary, 26 Bigham Street.
 Samuel Henry, William Boisel, sons.
- Kent, Mr. John W., 117 Sweetbrier Street.
 Elinor, wife.
 Edith, William, Mabel, children.
- Kimmel, George, Hall and Gray Streets.
- Konstanzer, Misses Caroline and Amelia, 10 Oneida
 Street.
- Lewis, William A., 54 Ulysses Street.
 Annie, wife.
 Ralph R., Joseph J., Clarence Ross, children.
- Lichel, Mrs. Frances, Wilbert's Way.
 Lillian Ruth, daughter.
- Lowen, John, West Liberty Borough, Allegheny
 County.

- Lowe, John J., Sycamore and Plymouth.
 Elizabeth C., wife.
 Albert George, John Johnson, Wilfred Dräbbel,
 Edith Cameron, Margaret Vivian, children.
- Martin, Miss Nellie (organist), Sherman Street.
- Martin, Henry, Wyoming Street and Boggs Avenue.
 Ann, wife.
 Earl, son.
- Martin, William, South Side.
 Susan, wife.
 William John, son.
- Mason, Mrs. Sarah P., 218 Virginia Street.
 Fanny C., Ruby Augusta, Olive Virginia, Earl
 Perry, George G. F., Leroy, children.
- Mears, Walter, 52 Clarence Street.
 Annie, wife.
 Daniel, William, sons.
- Milby, Mrs. Frank, 99 Southern Avenue.
- Minsinger, Mrs. Jacob (Annie), 45 Prospect Street.
 Edith Luretta, Walter James, John Zehfuss,
 Blanche Olivette, Marjorie Grace, Annie Ruth,
 Ethel Lois, Mabel Caroline, children.
- Minsinger, Walter J., 46 Cowan Street.
 Lillie, wife.
 Walter Jacob, son.
- Minsinger, Mrs. Eliza (widow of William), Hall and
 Cowan Streets.
 Sarah Caroline, Elmer H., Edith Elizabeth, Mary
 Blanche, children.
- Morgan, John Clemens, 70 Wyoming Street.
- Moyer, Florence E., Esther M., Alma L., Frank, chil-
 dren of Benjamin F. Moyer, 43 Greenbush
 Street.
- MacDonald, Sarah, Harry C., Allan S., children of
 Mathew T. MacDonald, 83 Oneida Street.
- McCombe, Harry M., 1207 Grandview Avenue.
- McKain, Mrs. Margaret H., 137 Bigham Street.
 J. Lewis, Jeannette, Ella M., Anna F., children.
- Nau, Mrs. Caroline, Kohlmeyer's Lane.
 Frederick, Charles, sons.
- Needham, Henry, Soffel, near Boggs Avenue.
 Catherine, Josephine, Harry, Joseph, Edna,
 children.
- Neely, Miss Margaret, Virginia, near Shiloh.
- Neely, Miss Jennie, 310 Sycamore Street.

- Newell, Robert, 229 Virginia Avenue.
 Mary, wife.
 Annie, James, children.
- Niven, Mrs. Jane, 75 Bigham Street.
 Howard T., William S., sons; Jean Fulton,
 adopted daughter.
- Pattison, John, 51 Grace Street.
 Rachel, wife.
 Rachel Anderson, Louise Carnegie, Grace Mor-
 rison, children.
- Patton, John J., 231 Sycamore Street.
 Minnie E., wife.
 Herbert W., son (infant).
- Proeger, Julius H., 134 Sycamore Street.
 Ida, wife.
 Edgar Waggoner, son.
- Purkey, Edward C., 1302 Grandview Avenue.
 Amanda, wife.
 Elizabeth A., Thomas George, Edward Dallas,
 Marie Coster, children.
- Purkey, Lewis H., 1302 Grandview Avenue.
 Martha, wife.
- Ream, Katherine F., Woodville Avenue and Merri-
 mac Street.
- Reed, Samuel G., 108 Boggs Avenue.
- Revelvy, Paul, 32 Natchez Street.
 Mary, wife.
 Robert, son.
- Ritchie, Charles F. A., Sycamore and Plymouth.
 Harriett E., wife.
 Elizabeth F., daughter.
- Schornagle, Mrs. F. K., 126 Plymouth Street.
 Anthony, Louise, children.
- Searight, Frank B., 143 Meriden Street.
- Shaler, Miss Augusta L., 118 Sweetbrier Street.
- Shaler, Miss Augusta M., 70 Olympia Street.
- Shaler, Mrs. Nellie R., widow of John C., 118 Sweet-
 brier Street.
 William Denning, son.
- Speer, Mrs. David, Albert street, near Boggs Avenue.
 Florence, Edyson, children.
- Stevens, Mrs. William C., 1107 Grandview Avenue.

- Stewart, John, Sweetbrier Street.
 Martha, wife.
 William, Martha, children.
- Stinson, Mrs. Anna M., Bailey Avenue.
 Anna Margarite, Grace, children.
- Stinson, Robert, 307 Kearsage Street.
 Mary W., wife.
- Stoehr, Mrs. Mary, Church Home.
- Stout, Melville L., Woodville Avenue.
 Mary A., wife.
 Maria Louise, Constance C., Melville B., Dorothy K., children.
- Thompson, John M., 206 Virginia Avenue.
 Mary Elizabeth, wife.
 William, son.
- Thurston, Dr. Leon, 333 Grandview Avenue.
 Sarah B., wife.
 Leon, son.
- Timmins, Mrs. Ada, Wellwood Street.
- Torrence, Mrs. Mary E., 17 Stanwix Street.
 Rebecca, Sarah, Ephraim, children.
- Turbett, Mrs. Charles A., Grandview Avenue, near Shiloh.
 Albert C., son.
- Van Allen, Clifford, 216 Virginia Avenue.
- Waggoner, Frank G., 224 Sycamore Street.
 Harriett, wife.
 Earl P., Ida, children.
- Wallace, Miss Jennie L., 54 Grace Street.
- Ward, Miss Nellie, Hall and Cowan Streets.
- Wilmot, Mrs. George, Kohlmeyer's Lane.
 James, Stanley F., George, children.
- Whitehead, James, 81 Wyoming Street.
 Annie, wife.
 Harold Earl, son.
- Zehfuss, Edward M., Vinecliff Street.
 Martha, wife.
 Hazel Ada, daughter.
- Zehfuss, Phillip, Kearsage Street.
 Louisa, wife.
 Gertrude M., Ada Wilhelmina, daughters.
- Zelch, John L., Jr., Florence E., Upton S., children of John L., 222 Ulysses Street.

BAPTISMS,

GRACE CHURCH, MOUNT WASHINGTON, PITTSBURGH,
1852-1903.

BY THE REV. JAMES A. STONE.

February 8, 1852:

George, son of Benjamin and Frances White, born November 17, 1851.

Isabella, daughter of Capt. Thomas H. and Sarah M. Golding, born December 20, 1850.

May 15, 1852:

Emily Neely, adult, aged 18 years.

Eliza Everson, adult, aged 17 years.

Eliz Jane Stubbs, aged 16 years.

Mary Rebecca Wilson, aged 11 years.

Ellen Stubbs, aged 12 years.

December 25, 1852:

Howard Chivers, son of George and Olive Chivers, born July 19, 1850.

March 22, 1853:

Kate Lowen, daughter of George and Mary Lowen, born January 22, 1853.

Edward Stubbs, son of Richard and Dinah Stubbs, born August 16, 1842.

April 20, 1853:

Homan Walter Leslie, son of William O. and Bertha Leslie, born December 6, 1848.

Selma Elizabeth Leslie, daughter of William O. and Bertha Leslie, born September 28, 1850.

Victor James Leslie, son of William O. and Bertha Leslie, born December 28, 1852.

Ella S. Chivers, daughter of George and Olive Chivers, born July 10, 1852.

BY THE REV. JOHN G. FUREY, RECTOR.

July 31, 1853:

Margaret A. Neely and Robert Neely, children of Wilson Neely. (Date of birth not given.)

BY THE REV. RICHARD SMITH, RECTOR.

June 10, 1854:

Mary Ann Bigham, daughter of Thomas J. and Maria L. Bigham, born March 29, 1854.

Mary Rebecca Torrence, daughter of Robert and Mary E. Torrence, born March 31, 1854.

Mary Ann Rossiter, daughter of Thomas and Emily Rossiter. (Date of birth not given.)

George Washington Good. (Parents and date of birth not given.)

August —, 1854:

Zulima Matilda Leslie. (Parents and date of birth not given.)

September 13, 1854:

Ephraim Reese. (Parents and date of birth not given.)

March 23, 1856:

George Chivers, adult. (Parents and date of birth not given.)

BY THE REV. J. SEBASTIAN HODGES.

August 1, 1856:

Martha Elizabeth and Mary Ann Jones, twin daughters of Timothy and Hannah Jones, born December 13, 1855.

Mary Elizabeth Smith, daughter of Isaac and Eliza Smith, born May 2, 1856.

William Henry Dill, born May 27, 1847; Mary Ann Dill, born February 2, 1852; Nancy Jane Dill, born — —, 1854; children of Samuel and Eliza Dill.

September 28, 1856:

John Conway Shaler, born October 13, 1843; Augusta Shaler, born — —, 1844; children of John C. and Sena Shaler, of Duquesne Heights.

Robert Reese Torrence, son of Robert and Mary E. Torrence, born August 3, 1856.

Sophia Wilbert, daughter of Peter and Catherine Wilbert, born May 18, 1856.

Henry Clay Rossiter, son of Thomas and Emily Rossiter, born July 9, 1856.

September 28, 1856:

Margaretta Wood Petticord, born July 9, 1850; Amelia Smith Petticord, born December 10, 1853; Clara Kate Petticord, born January 24, 1856; children of John and Sarah P. Petticord.

April 19, 1857:

Eliza Augusta Bigham, daughter of Thomas J. and Maria L. Bigham, born January 31, 1857.

BY THE REV. C. W. QUICK, RECTOR.

May 10, 1857:

Sumners T. Leslie, son of William O. and Bertha Leslie, born July 14, 1856.

Emma Nelson, daughter of Thomas and Charity Nelson, born May 19, 1857.

Radcliff Langdon, son of William and Jane Langdon. (Date of birth not given.)

November 26, 1857:

Mary Elizabeth Jackson, daughter of William and Sarah Jackson, born March 25, 1857.

February 14, 1858:

Sarah Goldthorp, daughter of Samuel and Sarah Goldthorp, born September 22, 1857.

March 14, 1858:

John Jones, son of Timothy and Hannah Jones. (Date of birth not given.)

April 4, 1858:

May Evelina Dodd, daughter of John and ——— Dodd, (Date of birth not given.)

July 11, 1858:

Harriett Chivers, daughter of George and Olive Chivers, born December 19, 1857.

September 19, 1858:

Sarah Jane Smith, daughter of Isaac and Eliza Smith, born May 31, 1858.

BY THE REV. JUBAL HODGES.

May 1, 1859:

Ann Louisa Beresly, daughter of William and Elizabeth Beresly, born February 15, 1859.

Margaret Elizabeth Torrence, daughter of Robert and Mary E. Torrence, born September 22, 1858.

BY THE REV. E. M. VAN DUSEN.

October 9, 1859:

Maria Louise Bigham, daughter of Thomas J. and Maria L. Bigham, born July 29, 1859.

Mary Isabella Tomlinson, daughter of John and Margaret Tomlinson, born February 6, 1859.

Agnes Maria Young, daughter of John and Amy Young, born May 11, 1857.

Hannah Elizabeth Langdon, daughter of William and Jane Langdon, born August 8, 1859.

Jane Neely Rossiter, daughter of Thomas and Emily Rossiter, born June 20, 1859.

Joseph George Pare, born February 1, 1854; William Richard Pare, born May 15, 1856; Henry John Pare, born September 13, 1858; children of William and Caroline Pare.

BY THE REV. JUBAL HODGES.

September 2, 1860:

Elvirah Luella Tyler, daughter of Henry and Charlotte Tyler, born September 30, 1859.

(No baptisms recorded in Parish Register between September 2, 1860 and October 4, 1863.)

October 5, 1863:

Sarah Isabella Bond, daughter of William L. and Anna M. Bond. Sponsors, Belle Golding and Julian Maddox. (Date of birth and the name of the officiating clergyman not given.)

January 22, 1866:

Mary Ellenor Bond, daughter of William L. and Anna M. Bond. (Clergyman and date of birth not given.)

April 22, 1866:

Julian George Bond, son of William L. and Anna M. Bond, born April 7, 1866. Baptized in private by Rev. Simon G. Fuller, and received into church September 16, 1866, by the Rev. B. B. Killikelly, rector.

Alice Dean Deakin, daughter of Henry and Hannah Deakin, born October 12, 1865. Sponsors, Thomas J. Bigham and Agnes Davis. Officiating priest, Rev. Simon G. Fuller.

BY THE REV. B. B. KILLIKELLY, D. D., RECTOR.

May 27, 1866 (Trinity Sunday):

Harriett Mary Hibbs, daughter of Samuel and Alice Hibbs, born September 26, 1865. Sponsors, Robert and Dorothy Trotter.

June 17, 1866:

Mary Jane Campbell, wife of ——— Campbell, *nee* Balbridge, born in Greensburg, Pa. Witnesses, Mrs. M. L. Bigham and Mrs. Phebe A. McMillin.

June 26, 1866:

Grace Elizabeth Mendenhall, daughter of Charles and Mary L. Mendenhall, of Kittanning, Pa., born January 24, 1865. Sponsors, parents and Miss Nettie Mendenhall.

July 1, 1866:

Rhoda Blanton, daughter of Charles and Susan Blanton, born July 2, 1865.

Edward George Wilmot, son of George and Prudence Wilmot, born June 13, 1866.

July 10, 1866:

Capt. John Smith McMillin, adult, born July 23, 1817; baptized in Grace Church at the funeral of his first wife, Phebe A. McMillin, and beside her remains, the Rev. Dr. Page assisting the rector and Dr. L. H. Harris and Mr. McKnight being witnesses.

July 29, 1866:

Yates Lowen Shannon, son of Thomas and Margaret Shannon, born March 24, 1866.

Agnes Washington Hughes, daughter of William and Agnes Hughes, born June 29, 1866.

September 23, 1866:

Bergan Brokaw Craig, adult, born June 11, 1844.

Phebe Craig, wife of above, adult, born May 5, 1846.

Witnesses for both, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blanton and Mrs. Minsinger.

Julia Ann Craig, daughter of Bergan B. and Phebe Craig, born August 31, 1866. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blanton.

January 6, 1867:

Samuel Marlow Pare, son of William and Caroline Pare, born November 27, 1866. Sponsors, parents and John Pare, the grandfather.

Sarah Elizabeth Cain, son of James and Mary A. Cain, born November 26, 1866.

Albert Parks Smith, son of Isaac and Eliza Smith, born October 25, 1866.

Sarah Amanda Summerfield, daughter of Richard and Hannah M. Pare, born December 16, 1865.

Sponsors for above five children, the parents and their grandfather, John Pare.

March 17, 1867:

David Campbell, son of Alexander and Mary J. Campbell, born March 27, 1864. Sponsors, the mother and Mrs. T. J. Bigham.

BY THE REV. ROBERT JOHN COSTER, RECTOR.

September 27, 1868:

Annie Halpin Hughes, daughter of William and Annie Hughes, born April 2, 1868.

January 24, 1869:

Thomas Golding Bond, son of William L. and Annie M. Bond, born August 16, 1868. Sponsors, parents and Mrs. Mary Golding, the grandmother.

Robert James Hibbs, son of Samuel and Alice Hibbs, born December 13, 1868. Sponsors, George and Prudence Wilmot.

May 10, 1869:

George Wilmot Smith, son of Isaac and Eliza Smith, age about six months. Sponsors, Prudence and Rebecca Wilmot.

July 10, 1869:

Nellie Ruth Bratt, adult, daughter of Edward and Jane Bratt. (Date of birth not given.) Witness, Belle Golding.

September 5, 1869:

Ida May, daughter of ————, born February 18, 1869.

Charles Shaler Minsinger, son of ———— Minsinger, born June 26, 1869. Sponsors, Caroline Minsinger and Mrs. Kate Good.

Anna Mary Woods, daughter of John and Dorothy Woods, born July 7, 1869.

September 19, 1869:

Mary Ann Hunter, daughter of Thomas and Mary Jane Hunter, born July 2, 1869.

Sarah Jane Pickard, daughter of William and Margaret Pickard, born September 3, 1869.

April 12, 1870:

Frank Speer Brunt, son of William H. and Annie L. Brunt, born September 28, 1869. Sponsors, William M. Speer and parents.

June 12, 1870:

Mary Main, born March 24, 1870.

November 13, 1870:

James Potter, son of Charles and Margaret Potter, about 8 months old.

March 19, 1871:

Edith Shaler Millingar, Nellie Shaler Millingar, Emma Millingar, Mary Millingar. (Dates of birth not given.) Children of Harry and Emma Millingar. Sponsors, mother and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bratt, Sr.

William Murdock, born March 26, 1870; Mary Murdoch, born January 4, 1868; children of William and Annie M. Murdoch. Sponsors, parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bratt, Sr.

William Prosser, son of George and Honora J. Prosser, born September 27, 1870, in Birmingham, Pa.

Mrs. ——— Palmer, adult. Witnesses, Mr. Ed. Bratt, Sr., and Mrs. R. J. Coster.

March 28, 1871:

Nettie Aldo Davitt, adult. Witnesses, John C. Davitt, her husband, and Mrs. Bindley Johnson.

June 4, 1871:

William Luke Bond, son of William L. and Annie M. Bond, born February 28, 1871. Sponsors, Thomas J. Bigham and parents.

July 3, 1871:

Patrick Henry Winston, son of P. H. and Jennie Winston, age about 4 months.

July 9, 1871:

John Fulton, son of David and Isabell L. Fulton, born February 18, 1871.

Mary Hannah Robinson, daughter of William and Margaret Robinson, born April 5, 1871.

Frank Joseph Beardsley, son of William and Elizabeth Beardsley, born March 19, 1871.

October 15, 1871:

Mary Alberta Torrence, daughter of David R. and Elizabeth Torrence, born June 8, 1871.

Edward Conway Shaler, son of John C. and Nellie R. Shaler, born June 9, 1871. Sponsors, the grandfather, Edward Bratt, Sr., and parents.

October 29, 1871:

Margaret Hunter, daughter of Thomas and Mary Jane Hunter, of Saw Mill Run, born August 17, 1871.

November 12, 1871:

Emily McMillin, daughter of John S. and Mary B. McMillin, born February 27, 1871. Sponsor, Mrs. Zebina Johnson, her aunt.

Andrew Barr Hughes, son of William and Annie Hughes, born November 10, 1869.

Elizabeth Hopper Hughes, daughter of William and Annie Hughes, born April 29, 1871.

January 21, 1872:

George William Hibbs, son of Samuel and Alice Hibbs, born September 20, 1871.

Frederick George Fitton Wilmot, born September 15, 1871; Caroline Amelia Wilmot, born September 28, 1869; children of George and Prudence R. Wilmot.

Ella Reed Cane, daughter of James and Mary Ann Cane, born September 1, 1871. Sponsors, Elizabeth Measmer and William Reed.

John Carnahan Davitt, son of John C. and Nettie Davitt, born March 4, 1868. Sponsor, George H. Hilderbrand.

March 24, 1872:

Elizabeth Torrence, adult. Witnesses, David R. Torrence, her brother, and the congregation.

John Owen Prosser, son of George and Honoria Prosser, born on Mount Washington, February 9, 1872.

Ignatia Marland, daughter of Alfred and Sarah Marland, born November 4, 1871.

April 21, 1872:

Robert Campbell, son of Robert and Esther M. Campbell, born November 24, 1871. Sponsors, Joseph Nicholson and T. Hunter.

William John Howarth, son of John and Elizabeth C. Howarth, born January 18, 1872. Sponsors, William and S. E. Minsinger. uncles.

BY THE REV. B. B. KILLIKELLY, D. D.

June 2, 1872 (at morning service):

Matilda Irwin, daughter of Walter and Maria Irwin, born November 10, 1871.

John Boustead, son of John and Mary A. Boustead, born February 8, 1872.

BY THE REV. ROBERT JOHN COSTER, RECTOR.

June 9, 1872:

George Harry Marland, son of Henry and Elizabeth Marland, born March 7, 1872.

November 3, 1872:

Margaret Jane Laing, daughter of David and Mary Ann Laing, born July 26, 1870.

William Henry Laing, son of David and Mary Ann Laing, born July 29, 1872.

December 22, 1872:

Samuel Goldthorp Steele, son of Thomas W. and Mary G. Steele, born June 14, 1872. Sponsors, Mrs. Sarah Goldthorp and Mrs. Steele, the grandmothers.

February 2, 1873:

Margaret Richmond Davitt, daughter of John C. and Nettie A. Davitt, born June 8, 1872.

June 1, 1873:

Samuel John Hibbs, son of Samuel and Alice Hibbs, born October 4, 1874. Sponsor, Elizabeth William. (Rev. S. B. Moore officiated in the place of the rector.)

Robert Coster Bond, son of William L. and Annie M. Bond, born February 12, 1873. Sponsors, Mrs. Mary Golding and Julian Maddox.

Mrs. Mary Montgomery Speer, adult, aged about 30 years. Witnesses, her husband and Mrs. Mary Goldthorp.

September 28, 1873:

John Bindley McMillin, son of John S. and Mary B. McMillin, born February 26, 1873. Sponsor, John Bindley, his uncle.

James Hartley Holland, son of Thomas and Ellen Holland, aged about 5 months. Sponsors, Thomas and Rebecca Berry.

December 21, 1873:

Grace Revelvy, daughter of Paul and Mary Revelvy, born May 20, 1873.

December 28, 1873:

Lancelot Robinson, son of William and Margaret L. Robinson, about 6 weeks old.

Margaret Ann Fulton, daughter of David L. and Isabella L. Fulton, born September 14, 1873. Sponsors, William and Margaret L. Robinson.

William John Jackson Skipp, son of William and Barbara A. J. Skipp, born September 1, 1872. Sponsors, David and Isabella Fulton.

February 22, 1874:

Robert Edward Parry, son of Robert and Mary Parry, born October 2, 1873. Sponsors, William and Margaret Robinson. (English people.)

April 19, 1874:

Lida Gehring Marland, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Marland, born January 14, 1874. Sponsor, Miss Lida Gehring.

BY BISHOP KERFOOT.

May 31, 1874:

William Hooper Coster, son of Rev. Robert John and Helena Marie Coster, born in Pittsburgh, February 4, 1870. Baptized May 1, 1870, at home, during illness, by the Bishop, and received into the Church on this date. Sponsors, parents and Miss Kate Goldthorp.

Charles Calvert Coster, son of Rev. Robert John and Helena M. Coster, born February 17, 1874. Sponsors, Henry L. Mason and Miss Margaret Gehring.

Mary Louisa Noble, born December 1, 1868; William F. Noble, born February 18, 1871; children of George and Mary E. Noble, of Mount Washington. Sponsors, the parents.

Ernest Whitworth Marland, son of Alfred and Sarah Marland, born May 8, 1874. Sponsors, William L. and Annie M. Bond.

BY THE REV. ROBERT JOHN COSTER, RECTOR.

June 14, 1874:

George Thomas Price, born January 4, 1870; Mary Maud Price, born January 29, 1872; Joseph W. Price, born December 17, 1873; children of John and Charlotte Price, and grandchildren of George T. Lowen. Sponsors, Miss Kate Goldthorp, Mrs. Mary Goldthorp and grandfather, George T. Lowen.

George Thomas Foggin, born November 10, 1872; Charlotta Foggin, born March 6, 1874; children of Charles and Charlotta Foggin. Sponsors, John Pare and Mrs. Mary A. Cane.

Virginia Elizabeth Cane, daughter of James and Mary A. Cane, born September 1, 1872. Sponsors, John and Sarah A. Pare.

Charles Albert Wilmot, son of George and Prudence Wilmot, born September 23, 1872. Sponsors, Samuel and Alice Hibbs,

Joseph Boustead, son of John and Mary Ann Boustead, born April 4, 1874.

Isabella Robson Horsley, daughter of William T. and Mary Horsley, born August 8, 1873.

July 19, 1874:

Daniel Davis Bigham, son of Joel L. and Sarah Bigham, born February 18, 1874. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Bigham, the grandparents.

September 4, 1874:

Charles Edward Porter, son of Charles and ——— Porter, born August —, 1874.

September 7, 1874:

Sarah Ann Beardsley, daughter of William Jacob and Mary M. Beardsley, born January 2, 1874.

October 4, 1874:

Sarah Ann Berry, daughter of Thomas and Rebecca Berry, born June 20, 1874. Sponsors, Jane Clark and William and Mathew Jackson.

Elizabeth Zehfuss, adult. Witnesses, Jane Clark and William and Mathew Jackson.

March 7, 1875:

James Edward Bratt, son of Edward Bratt, Jr. (Date of birth not given.) Sponsors, his grandparents, Edward and Jane Bratt.

March 28, 1875:

Edwin Josiah McMillin, son of John S. and Mary B. McMillin, born October 20, 1874. Sponsor, Josiah Bindley, uncle.

Geroline Milligan, daughter of Adam A. and Nan-nie Milligan, born September 5, 1874. Sponsors, Charles M. and Lida Gehring.

June 20, 1875:

Mary Alice Howarth, daughter of John and Elizabeth C. Howarth, born January 23, 1875 (the Rev. S. H. Griffith officiating in the place of the rector.)

August 29, 1875:

Harry Peterson Speer, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Speer, born January 23, 1875. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peterson.

October 3, 1875:

Sarah Goldthorp Steele, daughter of Thomas and Mary Steele, born April 18, 1875. Sponsors, her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Goldthorp.

February 6, 1876:

Ralph Revelvy, son of Paul and Mary Revelvy, born July 19, 1875. Sponsors, William Halpin and parents.

March 9, 1876:

Robert Gale Prosser, son of George and Honoria Prosser, born September 14, 1874. Sponsor, Grandfather Prosser.

April 6, 1876:

Annie Zehfuss, adult. Witness, Mrs. Kate Dermitt.

Mary Ann McCloud, daughter of Mr. ——— McCloud. (Date of birth not given.) Sponsors, Margaret and Mary Marland.

April 9, 1876:

Mary Belle Linton, daughter of David and Isabell Linton, born January 15, 1876.

William Linsley, son of William and Elizabeth Linsley, born January 5, 1875.

Margaret Ann Robinson, daughter of William and Margaret Robinson, born May 15, 1875.

Sponsors of the three, Mr. Fenwick and Elizabeth Shotten.

July 23, 1876:

Mary Elizabeth Marland, daughter of Henry and Sarah Marland, born March 15, 1876. Sponsors, Alfred and Sarah Marland.

September 3, 1876:

Mabel Mary Higgs, daughter of Arthur and Lydia Higgs, born April 19, 1876. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Litzenberg.

October 1, 1876:

Floyd Martin Cain, son of James and Mary Ann Cain, born January 4, 1876. Sponsor, Samuel Hibbs.

Albert Edward Hibbs, son of Samuel and Alice Hibbs, born October 10, 1875.

February 4, 1877:

Julian Roy Tanner, son of Henry A. and Caroline H. Tanner, born February 4, 1876.

March 1, 1877:

Robert Torrence, son of David R. and Elizabeth Torrence, at the home of the parents, in consequence of illness. (Date of birth not recorded.)

April 20, 1877:

Izetta Eleanor Jones, born October 31, 1873; Jesse Albert Jones, born February 7, 1875; Cora Belle Jones, born February 7, 1877; children of Richard and Isabella Jones; at the home of the parents, No. 10 Gibson Street. Sponsors for all three, Mrs. T. T. Ewens and the parents.

June 3, 1877:

Madillion Coyle, daughter of ——— ———, about 11 years old. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Dermitt.

Helena Marie Dermitt, daughter of Edwin H. and Sarah G. Dermitt, born December 11, 1876. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Goldthorp, grandparents.

William Denning Shaler, son of John C. and Nellie R. Shaler, born November 26, 1876. Sponsors, Edward Bratt, Sr., grandfather, and Mrs. Mary Thompson, aunt.

October 30, 1877:

Florence Shepherd, aged 5 years. (Name of parents and date of birth not recorded.)

November 25, 1877:

Cecil Dunbar Shepherd, 13 months old. (Name of parents and date of birth not recorded.)

December 9, 1877:

Joseph Robinson, son of William and Margaret Robinson. (Date of birth not recorded.) Sponsor, David Fulton.

Harriett Lindsley, daughter of William and Eliza Lindsley. (Date of birth not given.) Sponsor, David Fulton.

March 31, 1878:

Samuel Henry Kenah, born December 15, 1871; William Boisol Kenah, born June 15, 1875; children of William L. and Mary Kenah.

February 4, 1879:

Annie Belle Smith, daughter of David and Elizabeth Smith, aged 2 months; at their home. Sponsor, Mrs. E. H. Dermitt.

Annie Mary Trotter, age 5 months, daughter of Robert and Dorothy Trotter; at their home, Mount Washington. Sponsor, Mrs. E. H. Dermitt.

February 10, 1879:

Marcella Olga Kirk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ——— Kirk. (Date of birth not given.) Sponsor, Miss Olga Kirk, aunt.

Mary Zehfuss, adult, age 16 years. Witness, Mrs. E. H. Dermitt.

April 11, 1879:

Annie Laurie Crow, about 8 years old; Samuel Crow, about 5 years old. Sponsors for both, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bigham; at their home, Grandview Avenue.

April 20, 1879:

Stanley Fitton Wilmot, son of George and Prudence R. Wilmot, born August 9, 1878. Sponsors, Joseph Newell and Robert and Mary Kelly.

May 25, 1879:

Albion Steele McMillin, son of John S. and Mary B. McMillin, born December 24, 1878. Sponsor, Albion Bindley, uncle.

July 6, 1879:

Anna Isabella Dixon, daughter of George and Mary Sophia Dixon, born March 4, 1879. Sponsors, William and Dorothy Stevenson and Elizabeth Aitken.

July 13, 1879:

Joseph Walter Bond, son of William L. and Anna M. Bond, born October 11, 1878; at the home of the parents. Sponsor, Miss Mary Bigham.

August 31, 1879:

Eliza Jane Fulton, daughter of David and Isabella Fulton, of Baldwin Township, born May 12, 1879. Sponsor, William Lindsley.

William Lindsley, son of William and Eliza Lindsley, born May 4, 1879. Sponsor, David Fulton.

September 14, 1879:

Samuel Hall Goldthorp Dermitt, son of Edward H. and Sarah Dermitt, born June 11, 1879. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Goldthorp, grandparents.

Bessie Douglas Goldthorp, daughter of Joshua and Margaret Goldthorp, born March 11, 1879. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Goldthorp, grandparents.

December 28, 1879:

Mary Davis Bigham, daughter of Joel L. and Sarah Bigham, born June 16, 1879.

February 20, 1880:

Elizabeth Phillips, adult, aged 18 years, resident of Uniontown, Pa. Witnesses, Mrs. R. J. Coster and Mrs. J. S. McMillin.

February 27, 1880:

Allen A. Milligan, son of Adam A. and Nannie Milligan, born January 8, 1880. Sponsor, Miss Lida Gehring.

Adaline Milligan, daughter of Adam A. and Nannie Milligan, born ——— —, 1876. Baptized privately 2 years ago and to-day received into the church.

March 19, 1880:

William Hughes, born ——— —, 1876; Margaret Hughes, born ——— —, 1873; children of William and Annie Hughes. Sponsors for both, Miss Mary A. Bigham and parents.

March 21, 1880:

Samuel Hall Goldthorp, adult, aged about 65 years. Witnesses, Mrs. Sarah Goldthorp, his wife, and Mrs. Mary Steele, his daughter.

James Bennett Boggs, adult, son of late Samuel S. Boggs, of Boggs Avenue, city, aged 26 years; at the residence of Samuel H. Goldthorp, Wyoming Street, Mount Washington. Witnesses, Mrs. Sarah Goldthorp and her daughter, Miss Sarah Goldthorp.

April 18, 1880:

James Heeley Howarth, born October 23, 1877; Caroline Howarth, born February 28, 1880; children of John and Caroline Howarth.

April 25, 1880:

Frances Louise Acor, daughter of Edward F. and Ella G. Acor, born December 10, 1879; baptized at the home of the parents, 4:30 P. M.

November 14, 1880:

Edith Luretta Minsinger, daughter of Jacob and Annie Minsinger, born August 21, 1880. Sponsors, David Smith and Mary Zehfuss.

Edna Brown Croner, daughter of Abraham G. and Mary Croner, born July 1, 1880. Sponsors, Alfred and Sarah Marland, grandparents.

Florence Smith, daughter of David and Emma Smith. (Date of birth not recorded.) Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Patch.

Charles Sidney Lane, son of Henry A. and Anna G. Lane, born September 5, 1876; at residence of his parents, 4 P. M. Sponsors, Miss Ida Smith and the mother.

November 28, 1880:

Martha Marland, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Marland, born October 31, 1880. Sponsors, Julius Marland and Annie Fitton.

December 19, 1880:

Sarah Caroline Minsinger, daughter of William D. and Sarah E. Minsinger, born November 26, 1880; privately, at the residence of her parents, at 5 P. M. Sponsors, Mrs. T. J. Bigham and Mrs. Minsinger, her paternal grandmother,

December 26, 1880:

Sadie Glaze, daughter of George A. and Emily Glaze, born August 30, 1880. Sponsors, Mrs. Henry James, the paternal grandmother, and Amy Glaze, an aunt.

April 3, 1881:

George Thomas Smith, son of David H. and Elizabeth G. Smith. (Date of birth not recorded.) Sponsor, Mary Zehfuss.

June 19, 1881:

Lilian Goldthorp Dermitt, daughter of Edwin H. and Kate Dermitt, born January 3, 1881. Sponsors, Samuel H. Goldthorp, maternal grandfather, and Miss Lilian Goldthorp, an aunt.

October 12, 1881:

Arthur Herrod, son of Thomas and Arabella Herrod, aged 4 months; privately at parents' home, 180 Fourth Avenue.

October 16, 1881:

Clara Fulton, daughter of David and Isabella Fulton, born August 20, 1880. Sponsors, Joseph and Annie Robinson.

Samuel Lindsley, son of William and Eliza Lindsley, born July 23, 1881. Sponsors, Joseph and Annie Robinson.

Charles Wilmot Coward, son of John W. and Mary Coward, born August 16, 1881. Sponsor, Prudence Wilmot, an aunt.

October 23, 1881:

Roland Lee Goldthorp, son of Joshua and Margaret Goldthorp, born May 15, 1881. Sponsor, his grandfather, Samuel H. Goldthorp.

Elizabeth Torrence, daughter of David R. and Elizabeth Torrence. (Date of birth not given.)

November 27, 1881:

Lilly Marland, daughter of George and Ann Marland, born July 14, 1881.

December 25, 1881 (Christmas Day service):

Frank Washington Gillard, son of William and Emma Gilliard, age 4 years.

William Alexander Gillard, son of William and Emma Gillard, age 8 months.

February 26, 1882:

Alfred Rice, son of Harry and Hannah Rice, born December 13, 1881. Sponsors, Thomas and Annie Byers.

March 15, 1882:

Alberta Martell, daughter of Andrew K. and Margaret Martell, born October 13, 1881. Sponsors, John C. Shaler, Jr., and Mrs. Mary Cronin.

March 29, 1882:

Frank Skidamore Bond, born March 18, 1876; Charles Albert Bond, born September 27, 1882, children of William L. and Annie M. Bond. Sponsors, Julian G. Maddox and parents.

May 28, 1882:

Timothy Seifert, son of Timothy and Elizabeth Seifert, born February 23, 1882. Sponsors, James Martin, Chales Klein, Mary Dewalt and Margaret Mourann.

September 11, 1882:

John Thomas Moser, son of John and Sarah Moser, born August 14, 1882. Sponsors, Edward and Jane Bratt, Sr.

November 19, 1882:

Walter James Minsinger, son of Jacob and Annie Minsinger, born July 13, 1882. Sponsors, Edward Bratt, Sr., and Mary Zehfuss.

January 14, 1883:

Andrew Fitton, son of Simeon and Ann Fitton, age about 4 months. Sponsor, Julius Marland.

February 11, 1883:

Samuel Harper Howarth, son of John and Elizabeth C. Howarth. (Date of birth not recorded.)

February 18, 1883:

William Henry Fulton, son of David and Isabella Fulton, born in Baldwin Township, November 5, 1882. Sponsors, Edward Bratt, Sr., and parents.

William Lindsley, born in Castle Shannon, Pa., April 4, 1882; Emma Blanche Lindsley, born in Banksville, Pa., June 12, 1878; Florence Jane Lindsley, born in Banksville, Pa., February 19, 1872; children of John and Mary C. Lindsley. Sponsors, Edward Bratt, Sr., and their parents.

May 27, 1883:

Annie Leonard Ashford, daughter of Thomas F., Sr., and Mary Ann Ashford, born November 22, 1882. Sponsors, William T. Hunter and the parents.

William Thomas Hunter, adult, 30 years old, living on South Side, Pittsburgh. Witnesses, Thomas F. and Mary A. Ashford, Sr.

September 9, 1883:

Robert Stewart Robinson, son of Cyrus M. and Lidie Robinson, born April —, 1883. Sponsor, John C. Shaler, Jr.

Mary Elizabeth Reese Torrence, daughter of Robert Reed and Emma A. Torrence, born April —, 1882. Sponsor, Mary E. Torrence.

Richard Elworth Burrell, son of Henry H. and Margaret E. Burrell, born July —, 1883. Sponsor, Mary Elizabeth Torrence.

October 21, 1883:

Lillie May Smith, daughter of David H. and Elizabeth Smith, born July 7, 1883. Sponsors, Mary Zehfuss and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, the mother.

George Hobday Wilmot, son of George and Prudence R. Wilmot, born December 21, 1881. Sponsors, John W. Coward and the mother.

Prudence Rebecca Coward, daughter of John W. and Mary A. Coward, born February 13, 1883. Sponsors, Mrs. Prudence R. Wilmot, the grandmother, and the parents.

December 16, 1883:

Aaron Speer, son of William and Mary Speer. (Date of birth not recorded.)

Elenora Howarth Minsinger, daughter of William and Sarah E. Minsinger, born April 1, 1883. Sponsors, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Howarth and the father.

Orin Winslow Sadler, son of Dr. O. W. and Josephine Sadler, born July 18, 1882. Sponsors, John S. McMillin, John Bindley and Miss Sarah Slocum, an aunt.

Alice Carroll Torrence, born December 10, 1882; Nellie Torrence, born August 2, 1880; children of David R. and Elizabeth Torrence.

January 13, 1884:

Adelaide Marie Bindley, daughter of John and Emeline Bindley, born November 22, 1883; at the residence of the parents, Boggs Avenue, Mount Washington. Sponsors, Mrs. John S. McMillin and Miss Mary Slocum.

Alice Martina Crumpton, daughter of Robert and Mary Crumpton, age 2 years. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. John Bindley.

January 31, 1884:

Anna Emily Honess, daughter of Charles and Jane M. Honess, born December 23, 1883; at the residence of James M. Bailey, Penn Avenue and Fourth Street, City. Sponsors, William and Emily Ponting.

March 16, 1884:

Mary Agnes Bragg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. ——— Bragg, age 3 months.

Paul Standish Montgomery, born January 24, 1881; Helen Montgomery, born August 15, 1883; children of Standish and Lucy D. Montgomery. Sponsor for both, Mrs. Lucy D. Montgomery.

Frank Glaze, born June 14, 1882; George Glaze, born February —, 1884; children of George A. and Emma Glaze. Sponsors, Mrs. Ann James, the maternal grandmother and the mother.

April 22, 1884:

John James Kirsop, born March 24, 1882; Herbert Kirsop, born December 5, 1883; children of Thomas H. and Jane Kirsop, of Banksville, Pa.

William Stephen Bellingham, son of Herbert and Catherine Bellingham, of Banksville, born February 3, 1884.

Ruth Edward Eltringham, born June 1, 1882; William Eltringham, born February 5, 1884; children of William and Mary Jane Eltringham, of Banksville.

William Garfield Usher, born August 1, 1883, son of John and Elizabeth Usher, of Banksville.

Lily Belle Owen, born August 14, 1878; Elizabeth May Owen, born March 1, 1882; children of David and Mary Ann Owen, of Banksville.

Adela Chambers, daughter of Miles William and Agnes Chambers, born November 23, 1882.

Christopher Stead, son of Christopher and Emma Stead, born March 15, 1884.

The last ten children above were baptized at the house of John Usher, in Banksville, at 7 o'clock P. M. Parents all English people.

May 18, 1884:

Elvira Olive Coulson, born July 1, 1882; William Henry Coulson, born January 20, 1884; children of William and Rosa Coulson, of Banksville.

Ralph Marshall Renshaw, son of Thomas and Eliza Renshaw, of Banksville, born June 10, 1883.

Sarah Ann Hobson, daughter of Thomas and Ann Hobson, of Banksville, born May 29, 1883.

William Robinson, son of John and Jane Robinson, of Banksville, born November 11, 1883.

William Percival Cummins, son of Thomas and Hannah Cummins, of Banksville, born December 23, 1883.

Elizabeth Jane Jackson, daughter of John and Mary Jane Jackson, of Banksville, born February 17, 1883.

Harriett Lake, daughter of Benjamin and Eliza Lake, of Banksville, born November 10, 1882.

The last eight children above were baptized at a service held in the public school hall of Banksville, on Sunday, at 3:30 P. M.

July 20, 1884:

Nellie Augusta Paul, daughter of John G. and Mary Storer Paul, born August 31, 1880. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Shaler and Mrs. J. S. McMillin.

August 31, 1884:

Sarah Mantor Benton, daughter of Charles H. and Augusta E. Benton, at the residence of Dr. O. W. Sadler, Grandview Avenue, at 5 P. M.; born September 2, 1883. Sponsors, Miss Mary M. and Dr. Samuel M. Slocum, an aunt and an uncle.

March 22, 1885:

Henry James, son of William H. and Mary C. James. (Date of birth not recorded.) Sponsors, Mrs. Henry James, the grandmother, and the parents.

Elmer Davis, daughter of Michael and Agnes Davis, born November 20, 1884. Sponsor, Belle Golding.

March 27, 1885:

Edith Amelia Shaler, born December 24, 1866; Augusta Margaret Shaler, born August 19, 1868; James McGonigle Shaler, born July 20, 1875; children of Clarence and Margaret J. Shaler, of Duquesne Heights. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Shaler, Jr.

April 3, 1885:

Franklin Rockafeller Kenney, son of John and Sarah Kenney, born June 13, 1878. Sponsors, Miss Ignacia Marland and Margaret J. Martel.

April 5, 1885:

Lillian Martel, daughter of Andrew A. and Margaret J. Martel, born July 18, 1883. Sponsors, Mrs. Alfred Marland and Herbert Davis.

May 27, 1885:

George Brown, son of John and Mary M. Brown, born April 10, 1885. Sponsor, Mrs. Ann Minsinger; at the residence of Mr. Minsinger.

June 21, 1885:

Thomas Robert Fulton, son of David and Isabel Fulton, born March 15, 1885, at Fair Haven, Allegheny County, Pa. Sponsors, parents.

Steven Spratt, born April 1, 1880; Edward Spratt, born June 8, 1882; Aimey Spratt, born December 20, 1884; children of William and ——— Spratt, of Fair Haven, Allegheny County, Pa. Sponsors, the parents.

September 4, 1885:

Charles Wilson Bindley, son of John and Emeline Bindley; at the residence of the parents, Boggs Avenue, born July 22, 1885. Sponsors, Elmina McMillin and Albion Bindley.

September 20, 1885:

Ann Marshall Coward, daughter of John William and Mary A. Coward, born January 28, 1885. Sponsor, Frances Wilmot, an aunt.

October 11, 1885:

Myron Benjamin Ross, son of Frank M. and Sophia Ross, born March 24, 1885. Sponsors, John C. Shaler, Jr., and Mrs. Ross, the grandmother.

Margaret Ross Walter, daughter of Charles and Minnie Walter, born June 7, 1885. Sponsor, James M. and Margaret A. Lefferts, the grandparents; at the residence of Mr. James M. Lefferts.

March 19, 1886:

George Alpha Millholland, born May 23, 1878; Charlotte Lowen Millholland, born November 29, 1880; Elizabeth Estelle Millholland, born March 29, 1882; Harvey Knowlson Millholland, born July 15, 1885; children of J. H. and Kate Lowen Millholland. Sponsors, Elizabeth Goldthorp and the mother.

March 24, 1886:

Margaret Blackmore Ashford, daughter of Thomas F. and Mary A. Ashford, Sr., born March 12, 1885. Sponsors, Mrs. Margaret Blackmore and the parents.

April 14, 1886:

Harriett Reed, daughter of Samuel G. Reed, born January 18, 1878. Sponsors, Miss Eliza M. Bigham and the father.

David Hunter Dewsnap, son of George Y. and Mary J. Dewsnap, born ——— —, 1880. Sponsors, Mary E. Hunter and Oliver H. Stinson.

Philo Chamberlain, born May 1, 1881; Charles Chamberlain, born February 1, 1883; sons of James and Cornelia W. Chamberlain. Sponsors, George Chamberlain and Mrs. Charles Sackrider.

Leila Bigham Burrell, daughter of Henry M. and Sarah A. Burrell, born ——— —, 1885. Sponsors, Miss Eliza M. Bigham and the mother.

April 23, 1886:

John Zehfuss Minsinger, son of Jacob and Annie Z. Minsinger, born July 16, 1884. Sponsors, Elizabeth G. Smith and the mother.

Katherine Peppard Montgomery, daughter of Stan-dish and Lucy Montgomery, born March 8, 1886. Sponsors, Mary Elizabeth Kenah and the mother.

Josephine Mabel Foreman, daughter of James L. and Harriett Foreman, born April 7, 1877. Sponsors, George E. List and Miss Eliza Bigham.

July 4, 1886:

Samuel Slocum Sadler, son of Dr. Orin W. and Josephine Sadler, born September 14, 1885. Sponsors, Dr. Samuel Manton Slocum and his wife, Belle Cutting Slocum.

October 10, 1886:

Maria Louisa Stout, daughter of Melville L. and Mary J. Stout, born July 26, 1886. Sponsors, Mrs. Maria L. Bigham, the grandmother, and Miss Eliza Bigham, her maternal aunt.

January 30, 1887:

Claude Leroy McMillin, adult, son of Joseph and Pattie Leonard McMillin, born April 4, 1855. Witnesses, Dr. Orin W. and Emma Josephine Sadler.

Mary Josephine Sadler, daughter of Dr. Orin W. and Emma Josephine Sadler, born November 27, 1886. Sponsors, Mrs. Mary McMillin, Miss Mary Slocum and Mr. Leo Danse.

March 11, 1887:

Emma Jane Keilen, born January 4, 1880; Richard Burgess Keilen, born April 8, 1884; William John Keilen, born September 1, 1881; Sarah Matilda Keilen, born December 24, 1885; children of William and Katurah Fallows Keilen. Sponsors, Elizabeth Jane Keilen and the parents.

June 19, 1887:

Hilda Boundy, daughter of Alfred and Elizabeth Boundy, born February 21, 1887. Sponsors, the parents.

July 10, 1887:

John Robert Gardner, son of Phillip and Margaret Eliz Gardner, born January 11, 1887. Sponsor, John Jackson, an uncle.

July 17, 1887:

Violet Irene Coward, daughter of John W. and Mary A. Coward, born December 14, 1886. Sponsors, the parents.

July 24, 1887:

Wilfred Drabble Lowe, son of Johnston J. and Elizabeth C. Lowe, born May 30, 1883. Sponsor, John C. Shaler, Jr.

October 30, 1887:

James Chamberlain, son of James and Cornelia Chamberlain, born August 7, 1887. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Shaler and the father.

November 13, 1887:

Alice Stinson Ashford, daughter of Thomas F. and Mary A. Ashford, Sr., born May 11, 1887. Sponsors, Miss Mary Stinson and the parents.

March 2, 1888:

Marie Dorion Martell, daughter of Andrew K. and Margaret S. Martell, born October 13, 1887. Sponsors, Lottie and Ignatia Marland.

March 14, 1888:

Albert Glaze, son of George A. and Emily Glaze, born March 23, 1886. Sponsors, the parents.

March 18, 1888:

Laura Lee, daughter of ——— ———. (No data recorded.)

March 23, 1888:

Violet Holmes Bollman, born June 7, 1880; William Gorman Bollman, born June 14, 1885; children of Joseph Stewart and Alice Pitte Bollman. Sponsors, Misses Lottie and Ignatia Marland and the father.

Anna Cape, born March 9, 1874; Laura Keziah Cape, born June 1, 1877; Frederick Chester Cape, born December 25, 1881; Olive Isabel Cape, born February 22, 1884; Samuel Cape, born January 22, 1886; children of John and Laura Matilda Cape. Sponsors, Mrs. T. J. Bigham and the mother.

April 1, 1888:

Ella May Davis, daughter of Michael and Agnes Davis, born October 24, 1887.

May 16, 1888:

Nellie Marie Shope, born October 16, 1877; Frank Warden Shope, born August 28, 1879; Mabel Marguerite Shope, born February 12, 1881; Helen Beatrice Shope, born March 14, 1883; children of Mr. and Mrs. William Shope, of Grandview Avenue.

May 27, 1888:

Isabella Geisinger, born April 15, 1885; Isolinda Geisinger, born January 31, 1887; children of Andrew and Sarah Geisinger. Sponsors, Mrs. Dixon and the parents.

June 3, 1888:

Augustus Palmer, son of Edward and Ann Palmer, born January 8, 1888. Sponsors, the parents.

Archibald Kennedy, son of Archibald and Mary J. Kennedy, born January 13, 1888. Sponsors, the parents.

June 24, 1888:

Mary Marguerite Goldthorp, daughter of Joshua and Margaret Douglas Goldthorp, born January 7, 1888. Sponsors, Miss Sarah G. Steele and Mrs. Kate Dermitt.

July 22, 1888:

Edith Cameron Lowe, daughter of John J. and Elizabeth C. Lowe, born December 6, 1887. Sponsors, the parents.

July 30, 1888:

Max Adler Crum, son of Alfred R. and Anna Crum, at the residence of the parents, Duquesne Heights; age, 7 years. Sponsors, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Lowe and the father.

October 8, 1888:

Eliza Augusta Stout, daughter of Melville L. and Mary J. Stout, at the residence of Mrs. Maria L. Bigham, 8:30 P. M.; born September 13, 1888. Sponsors, Mrs. Maria L. Bigham and Miss Eliza Bigham. Received into the church at morning prayer, Sunday November 18, 1888.

November 18, 1888:

Gustave Lawrence Hodgkinson, son of William and Sarah A. Hodgkinson. (Date of birth not recorded.) Sponsors, the parents.

January 27, 1889:

Blanche Dixon, daughter of William and Letitia Dixon. (Date of birth not recorded.) Sponsor, Miss Janet Stokes.

February 17, 1889:

Emily Glaze, daughter of George A. and Emily Glaze, born October 31, 1888. Sponsors, the parents.

April 19, 1889:

George Howarth, son of John and Elizabeth Howarth, born October 22, 1886; at evening prayer, Good Friday, 4 P. M. Sponsors, Miss Kate Ickley and the mother.

Blanche Olivette Minsinger, daughter of Jacob and Annie Minsinger, born November 19, 1888. Sponsors, Blanche Lucas and the mother.

Oliver Halpin Stinson, son of Robert and Mary E. C. Stinson, born January 20, 1889. Sponsors, the parents.

April 21, 1889:

Gladys Elizabeth Crum, born July 24, 1888; Robert Ivy Crum, born March 20, 1886; children of Alfred R. and Sidney A. Crum; on Easter Sunday, 3 P. M. Sponsors for both, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Lowe and the mother.

July 21, 1889:

Howard Francis Burrows, son of Sidney Alma and Gertrude Collingwood Burrows, born May 30, 1889. Sponsors, George and Elizabeth Speed.

Oliver Stinson Neely, son of Harry W. and Mary Stinson Neely. (Data of birth not recorded.) Sponsors, Oliver H. Stinson and Sarah Halpin.

July 22, 1889:

——— Oaks, child of William Oaks, of Grandview Avenue. (Date of birth not recorded.)

February 9, 1890:

Ellen Jesson Kennedy, daughter of Archibald and Mary J. Kennedy, born October 9, 1889. Sponsors, Ellen Jesson and the parents.

Samuel Hartshorne Palmer, son of Edward and Anna H. Palmer, born December 12, 1889. Sponsors, William Dalby and the parents.

March 28, 1890:

Ida May Zehfuss, age about 15 years.

Jessie Elliott, adult, age 20 years. Witness, Miss Emma Bennett. Fifth Friday in Lent, 4 P. M.

March 30, 1890:

Richard Williams, son of John and Sarah Williams, born February 24, 1890. Sponsors, Hannah Hooper and the parents.

April 20, 1890:

Arthur Smith, about 2 weeks old; John James Smith, about 2 years old; children of Arthur and Mary Smith, from Birmingham, England. Sponsors for Arthur, John Paton and Sunsan Lawley; sponsors for John James, John and Ellen Smith.

May 6, 1890:

Mary Emma Trunick, born July 25, 1887; Minnie Ivra Trunick, born August 1, 1889; children of John Stanford and Mary Bailey Trunick. Sponsors, Mrs. Mary Noe and the mother.

June 22, 1890:

Nevada Jenkins Ashford, daughter of Thomas F. and Mary A. Ashford, Sr., born December 18, 1889. Sponsors, Mr. T. M. and Mrs. Nevada Jenkins.

September 7, 1890:

Albion Bindley, son of Albion and Sarah L. Bindley, born May 23, 1890. Sponsors, John Bindley, Dr. Orin W. Sadler and Miss Elmina McMillin.

BY THE REV. WILLIAM THOMPSON.

November 16, 1890:

Thomas Glaze, son of George A. and Emily Glaze, born July 14, 1890. Sponsors, the parents.

BY THE REV. ROBERT JOHN COSTER, RECTOR.

November 23, 1890:

Mary Stout, daughter of Melville and Mary J. Stout, born September 28, 1890.

Frederick Michael Davis, son of Michael and Agnes Davis. (Date of birth not recorded.) Sponsors, George A. Glaze and the mother.

Neville Sidney Miller, son of Charles E. and Annie M. Miller, born September 19, 1890. Sponsors, Howard and Cora Bailey, an uncle and an aunt.

January 18, 1891:

Percival Brayley, born January 1, 1886; Mary Jane Brayley, born September 4, 1890; children of Benjamin and Sarah A. Brayley. Sponsors for both, the parents.

Frances Emma Spray, daughter of George and Annie Spray, born October 31, 1890. Sponsors, the parents.

February 13, 1891:

Mabel Ruth Miller, adult, 18 years old, born May 25, 1872. Witnesses, Mrs. R. C. Anderson and Mrs. Helen A. Harper.

March 13, 1891:

Edith Elizabeth Minsinger, born June 1, 1888; Mary Blanche Minsinger, born June 12, 1886; chil-

dren of William and Eliza Minsinger. Sponsors, the grandmother, Mrs. Caroline Minsinger, and the mother.

Hattie Blaine Minsinger, born August 22, 1884; Caroline Minsinger, born July 18, 1882; Maude May Minsinger, born February 18, 1881; David William Minsinger, born November 13, 1890; children of John and Luretta Samilda Minsinger. Sponsors, the grandmother, Mrs. Caroline Minsinger and the mother.

Luretta Samilda Minsinger, wife of John Minsinger, born February 20, 1853. Witnesses, her mother-in-law, Mrs. Caroline Minsinger, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Eliza Minsinger.

March 21, 1891:

Rène Elise Montreville, daughter of Hubert and Sallie A. Montreville. (Date of birth not recorded.) Sponsor, Mrs. S. E. Linhart.

March 29, 1891:

George Albert Gould, son of Edward and Silence Gould, born January 31, 1891; at the home of the parents, in consequence of illness.

April 12, 1891:

Maude Amelia Robertson, adult. Witnesses, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Reitz.

Mabel Reta Stevens, adult, 16 years old, daughter of William C. Stevens, of Duquesne Heights. Witnesses, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Reitz.

May 10, 1891:

Robert Bonner Neely, son of Stanley L. and Ella A. Neely, born February 21, 1891. Sponsors, Miss Lillie Harper and the parents.

John Hunt Bowman, son of Joseph William and Clara A. Bowman, born December 29, 1890. Sponsors, Miss Jennie Bowman and the parents.

June 3, 1891:

Florence May Trunick, daughter of John S. and Mary Trunick, born May 15, 1891; at the home of the parents, Mount Washington, in consequence of severe illness.

June 9, 1891:

Andrew Waggoner, adult, age 50 years; at his home, on Wyoming Street, in consequence of serious illness. Witnesses, his wife and Mrs. Edgar Proeger, his daughter.

Edgar Waggoner Proeger, son of Mr. Edgar Proeger, born June 22, 1890. In the presence of Mr. Andrew Waggoner's family, his wife and daughters, at their home, Wyoming Street, Mount Washington.

June 21, 1891:

Charles Robertson Hardy, son of Charles C. and Cornelia E. Hardy, born April 20, 1891. Sponsors, John C. Shaler, Jr., and the mother.

December 7, 1891:

Rachel Carola Gunild Johanna Halbeck, daughter of Axel C. and Ida A. Halbeck, of Sweden, born May 10, 1891. Sponsors Miss Cooper and the parents; at the home of the parents, 343 Western Avenue, Allegheny, Pa.

February 9, 1892:

Frances Ellsworth Milligan, son of Frances and Kezia Milligan, born September 8, 1891; at the home of the parents, LaBelle Street, Mount Washington. Sponsors, Mrs. Boyer and the mother.

April 8, 1892:

Effie Marie Robinson, daughter of Thomas E. and Sadie B. Robinson, 8 months old. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. William Reitz.

May 15, 1892:

Elsie Lois Beck, daughter of Alcinous D. and Mary J. Beck; at their home, 24 Shiloh Street, Mount Washington, in consequence of illness. Sponsors, the parents.

June 1, 1892:

Elmina Mantor Bindley, daughter of Albion and Sarah S. Bindley, born March 27, 1892; at the Bishop Bowman Institute, corner Penn Avenue and Fourth Street, 5 P. M. Sponsors, Miss Elmina McMillin, Mrs. Mary S. Niffin and Mr. W. D. Green.

June 12, 1892:

Anna Margaret Stinson, daughter of Oliver H. and Anna M. Stinson, born April 22, 1892. Sponsors, Harry W. and Mary M. Neely.

July 24, 1892:

Florence Marian Palmer and Anna Amelia Palmer, born November 20, 1891, twin daughters of Edward and Anna H. Palmer. Sponsors, John McBride Paton and Mrs. Sarah Paskin.

September 11, 1892:

Thomas Francis Ashford, son of Thomas F. and Harriett Ashford, Jr., born August 10, 1892. Sponsors, ———— and the parents.

September 25, 1892:

Harry James Glaze, son of George A. and Emma Glaze, of Bigham Street, born May 30, 1892. Sponsors, the parents.

October 30, 1892:

Ethel Booth Gordon, daughter of Frank W. and Carrie A. Gordon, of Duquesne Heights, born April 9, 1892. Sponsors, Mrs. Jean Robertson and Mr. John C. Shaler, Jr.

January 29, 1893:

William John Martin, son of William and Susan Martin, born January 10, 1893. Sponsors, John Hanson and the parents,

March 13, 1893:

Mary Edlund, daughter of Annie Edlund, a native of Sweden, born December 18, 1892. Sponsors, Mrs. R. J. Coster and the mother. Ceremony at the Bishop Bowman Institute, Penn Avenue and Fourth Street.

March 19, 1893:

Herbert Humphrey Robertson, son of Andrew C. and Jean Robertson, born February 28, 1883. Sponsors, George A. Johnston and the mother.

March 31, 1893:

Herbert Earle Minsinger, son of William and Eliza Minsinger, born February 11, 1892. Sponsors, Luretta Minsinger and the mother. On Good Friday, 4 P. M.

Margie Grace Minsinger, daughter of Jacob and Annie Minsinger, born March 12, 1891. Sponsors, Luretta Minsinger and the mother.

April 9, 1893:

James Kenny, son of James and Anna Kenny, born December 21, 1892. Sponsors, the parents.

May 21, 1893:

Elizabeth Alice Purkey, born March 6, 1885; Thomas Golding Purkey, born November 29, 1888; Edward Dallas Purkey, born December 21, 1891; children of Edward C. and Amanda A. Purkey. Spon-

sors, for Elizabeth A., Mr. and Mrs. Lewis C. Purkey, and for the sons, Thomas G. Bond and Annie Hughes.

Frances Etta Lund, daughter of Fritz and Raghild Lund, born May 19, 1892. Sponsors, Mrs. William L. Bond and the parents (Swedes).

June 22, 1893:

Mary McClurg Dallett, daughter of Morris and Margaret Millard Dallett (home, Philadelphia), born October 5, 1892. Sponsors, Mrs. Matilda C. Verner, great aunt, and the mother. Ceremony at the residence of Miss Mary McClurg, Thirty-third and Carson Streets, South Side.

June 25, 1893:

Margaret Craig McDowell, daughter of David C. and Margaret R. McDowell, born January 31, 1893. Sponsors, the parents.

Prudence Rebecca Herbert, daughter of John C. and Prudence T. Herbert, born December 2, 1892. Sponsors, Caroline Wilmot and the parents.

Constance Charlotte Coster Stout, daughter of Melville L. and Mary J. Stout, born January 7, 1893. Sponsors, Eliza Bigham, an aunt, and the parents.

October 8, 1893:

Douglas Russell Fraser, son of James H. and Helvetia M. M. Fraser, born February 20, 1892. Sponsors, Mrs. Sarah A. Naysmith and the parents.

BY THE REV. JAMES FOSTER.

October 22, 1893:

Margaret Vivian Lowe, daughter of John J. and Elizabeth C. Lowe, born January 12, 1893. Sponsors, W. E. Moorhead and M. A. Clancy.

BY THE REV. ROBERT JOHN COSTER, RECTOR.

November 19, 1893:

George Harold Benton, son of Henry and Elizabeth Benton, of Piermont Street, Thirty-second Ward, born October 23, 1893. Sponsors, the parents.

— Miller, child of a friend of Robert Naysmith.

March 4, 1894:

Helen Whittier Neely, daughter of Stanley L. and Ella Harper Neely, born November 14, 1893. Sponsors, Mrs. Helen Harper, the maternal grandmother, and the parents. There were present at the baptism

of this child the mother and the grandmother, Mrs. Helen Harper, and the great grandmother, Mrs. Adelaide M. Whittier, the latter being 82 years old.

William Brasil Hannam, son of George B. and Matilda S. Hannam, born January 18, 1884. Sponsors, George A. Johnson and Mary Ashford.

March 9, 1894:

Robert Guerendale Burrell, son of Henry M. and Margaret E. Burrell, born February 8, 1893. Sponsors, Mary Rebecca Torrence and Lou Ray.

Mildred Lee Phillips, daughter of William Lee and Mary J. Phillips, born August 17, 1879. Sponsor, Miss Ida Smith.

Elizabeth Carter, born November 20, 1880; Samuel Charles Carter, born May 15, 1883; Harriett Carter, born November 22, 1885; children of Charles Davis and Elizabeth Carter, of Plymouth Street, Duquesne Heights. Sponsors, the parents.

March 23, 1894:

Annie Ruth Minsinger, daughter of Jacob and Annie Minsinger, born June 22, 1893. Sponsors, the grandmother, Caroline Minsinger, and the mother.

Edward Minsinger Zehfuss, son of Phillip and Elizabeth Zehfuss, born June 3, 1880. Sponsors, Luretta Minsinger, an aunt, and the mother.

These baptisms in church, Good Friday, 4 P. M.

July 1, 1894:

William Andrew Rau and Leonard Martin Rau, born April 17, 1894, twin sons of Leonard and Agnes Rau. Ceremony at the residence of the parents, Belonda Street, Mount Washington, in consequence of illness of the children.

October 21, 1894:

Thomas Maddox Bond, son of Thomas G. and Virginia L. Bond, born June 11, 1894. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Bond, Sr., and John Lowen, maternal grandfather.

October 28, 1894:

Marie Coster Purkey, daughter of Edward C. and Amanda A. Purkey, born May 21, 1894. Sponsors, John C. Shaler, Jr., and Mrs. Lewis C. Purkey, the grandmother.

December 2, 1894:

Thomas Verner Dallett, son of Morris and Margaret M. Dallett, of Philadelphia, born April 30, 1894. Ceremony at the residence of the late Miss Mary McClurg, corner of Thirty-third and Carson Streets. Sponsors, John B. Dunlevy and Mrs. Matilda C. Verner.

March 8, 1895:

Robert Neal Bowman, son of Joseph William and Clara Ann Bowman, born August 13, 1894. Sponsors, his aunt, Jennie DeLong Bowman, and his mother.

March 24, 1895:

Albert Clarence Martin, son of William and Susan Martin, born August 19, 1894. Sponsors, Harry Martin, his uncle, and Lena McCartney.

April 11, 1895:

Howard Glaze, son of George A. and Emma Glaze, born January 5, 1894. Sponsors, Mrs. Henry James and the mother.

Ralph Reed Lewis, born April 10, 1885; Joseph James Lewis, born August 3, 1887; Clarence Ross Lewis, born September 15, 1889; children of William A. and Anna Lewis. Sponsors, Mrs. Margaret Hunter McKain, James Lewis McKain and Mary Rebecca Torrence. Ceremony in church, Good Friday, 4 P. M.

October 13, 1895:

Grace Stinson, daughter of Oliver H. and Anna M. Stinson, born August 20, 1895. Sponsors, Ann Stinson, grandmother, and the parents. Ceremony at morning prayer in church.

December 15, 1895:

Melville Bigham Stout, son of Melville L. and Mary Bigham Stout, born October 17, 1895. Sponsors, Kirk Q. Bigham, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stout, Constance C. Stout and Augusta M. Shaler. At morning prayer in church.

March 29, 1896:

George Abraham Johnson, adult, born in Newark, N. J., November 19, 1846. Witnesses, M. L. and Mary J. Stout. In church, after the close of morning service.

BY THE REV. DANIEL DUROE.

May 31, 1896:

Mary Ann Dalby, daughter of William H. and Elizabeth Dalby, born April 24, 1896. Sponsors, Francis M. Lewis and John C. Shaler.

BY THE REV. ROBERT JOHN COSTER, RECTOR.

June 21, 1896:

Martha Jean Fulton, daughter of Robert J. Fulton, born June 28, 1892. Sponsors, father and Mrs. J. E. Niven.

July 19, 1896:

Layton Charles Bond, son of William L. and Ida B. Bond, Jr., born in Pittsburgh, August 24, 1895. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bond, Sr., and John Lowen, maternal grandfather.

September 20, 1896:

Blake Edward Bond, son of Thomas G. and Virginia L. Bond, born February 12, 1896. Sponsors, John C. Shaler and Mrs. William L. Bond, Sr. In church, at morning service.

November 29, 1896:

Edith Sarah Smith, born ——— —, 1888; Frances Emily Smith, born ——— —, 1890; Ethel Prudence Smith, born ——— —, 1892; children of James F. and Emily Smith. Sponsors, the mother and John C. Shaler. In church, at morning service.

December 13, 1896:

Sidney Penton Groves, son of Samuel and Annie Groves, born November 28, 1895. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lowe.

John David Lewis, born December 11, 1893; Margaret Lewis, born August 1, 1891; Ralph Lewis, born April 4, 1896; children of David and Maria Lewis. Sponsors, the mother and George A. Johnson. In church, at morning service, Third Sunday in Advent.

December 20, 1896:

James Francis Smith, son of James F. and Emily Smith, born January 25, 1895. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Shaler. In church, at morning service.

December 27, 1896:

Florence Katherine Bowman, daughter of J. W. and C. A. Bowman, born September 3, 1896. Sponsors, Cora Bowman and Katherine Shepperson. In church, at morning service.

March 31, 1897:

Florence Lenora Zelch, daughter of John L. and Nellie M. Zelch, born March 12, 1882. Witness, Lottie Marland. In church, at evening prayer.

George Frank Slocum, son of George F. and Ardella Slocum, born ——— —, 1897. Sponsors, Mrs. Armstrong, the grandmother, and Sarah H. Armstrong. At parents' home, on Southern Avenue, in consequence of child's illness.

October 10, 1897:

Martha Ann Wilkinson, daughter of Thomas and Mary Wilkinson, born August 6, 1897. Sponsor, Mrs. Annie Wright. In church.

November 14, 1897:

Florence Elizabeth Ashford, daughter of Thomas F. and Harriett Ashford, Jr., born July 11, 1897. Sponsors, Mary F. Ashford and William P. List. In church, at morning service.

February 13, 1898:

Earl Martin, son of William and Susan Martin, born August 24, 1897. Sponsors, Lewis and Martha Partridge.

Priscilla Hanson, daughter of John and Mary A. Hanson, born December 5, 1897. Sponsors, William and Susan Partridge.

Albert Coster Turbett, adult, born May 27, 1879. Witness, Harry W. Neely. In church, at morning service.

March 25, 1898.

George Glasgow Mason, born July 7, 1894; Earl Perry Mason, born November 22, 1890; Olive Virginia Mason, born February 8, 1889; Ruby Augusta Mason, born August 27, 1885; children of Frank and Sarah Mason (colored). Sponsors, Mrs. M. L. Stout and the mother.

May 29, 1898:

Mabel Catherine Moffett, daughter of Ellis B. and Annie M. Moffett, born October 19, 1895. Sponsors, Margaret E. Alstadt and the mother. In church, Whitsunday, 3 P. M. service.

July 10, 1898:

Harper Hartman Purkey, son of Edward C. and Amanda Purkey, born May 5, 1898. Sponsors, Edward Singleton and the grandmother, Mrs. Lewis C. Purkey. In church.

October 3, 1898:

Lewis Edward Grazier, son of Phillip and Annie M. Grazier, born July 9, 1898. Sponsors, Mrs. William L. Bond, Sr., and Mrs. Mary J. Barr; at residence of parents, Meriden Street.

October 23, 1898:

Rachel Anderson Pattison, born September 12, 1891; Louise Carnegie Pattison, born December 15, 1895; Grace Morrison Pattison, born June 10, 1898; children of John and Rachel Pattison. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Neely, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Stout and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Ashford, Sr., respectively; at 57 Grace Street, residence of parents, at 3 P. M.

November 13, 1898:

Grace Shepperton Bowman, daughter of Joseph William and Clara A. Bowman, born October 13, 1898. Sponsors, Joseph and Jane Bowman, grandparents.

November 20, 1898:

Anna Frascck McKain, daughter of William and Margaret H. McKain, born September 4, 1897. Sponsors, Mary E. McCaddon and Jeannette McKain. In church, at Sunday morning service.

December 4, 1898:

Charlotte Olivia Bayton, daughter of Arthur and Bertha Bayton, born April 29, 1896. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Lowe. In Mission Chapel, Duquesne Heights.

March 24, 1899:

Helen Constance Flinn, daughter of James E. and Lilly V. Flinn, born August 1, 1898. Sponsors, James E. Flinn, Jr., and Carrie M. Flinn. In church, evening prayer, at 4 P. M.

April 2, 1899:

William Julian Bond, son of William L. and Ida B. Bond, born September —, 1898. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Stephens and Julian Maddox. At residence of parents, on Oneida Street, Easter Sunday evening. Child ill.

April 14, 1899:

Emma Hale Kinney, adult, from Milesburg, Centre County, Pa., 35 years old. Witnesses, Emmeline G. Bennett, her aunt, Sarah M. Wilson, her sister, and Caroline H. Tanner, her cousin. In church, at 4 P. M.; a special service.

July 11, 1899:

Margaret Dorothy Kirkpatrick Stout, daughter of M. L. and Mary J. Stout, born March 13, 1899. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Bigham, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Stout and the parents. At the parents' residence, Woodville avenue, 12 M., after the marriage in church of Thomas J. Bigham and Ida Newell.

July 14, 1899:

Annie Higginson, daughter of James and Eliza Jane Higginson, born May 30, 1899. Sponsors, Thomas Higginson and the mother. At parents' residence, William Street.

December 17, 1899:

Jessie Elizabeth Bennett Tanner, daughter of Julian Roy and Jessie Tanner, born September 6, 1899. Sponsors, Emma Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Tanner, grandparents. In church, at Sunday evening service.

March 16, 1900:

Oliver Glaze, son of George A. and Emma Glaze, born June 28, 1897. Sponsors, Mrs. Jane M. Niven and the mother. In church, at 4 P. M. service.

April 13, 1900:

Hildegard Elizabeth Minsinger, daughter of Harrington E. and Emma M. Minsinger, born June 4, 1899. Sponsors, Sarah Caroline Minsinger and the mother.

Alan Elliott Towse, born September 26, 1894; Raymond George Towse, born October 27, 1887; Mary D. Towse, born April 7, 1885; children of Daniel Elliott and Anna Winnifred Towse. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Bigham.

William Meers, son of Walter and Annie Meers, born May 25, 1896. Sponsors, Augusta Shaler and the mother.

Helen May Bradley, daughter of William and Anna E. Bradley, born July 23, 1894. Sponsors, Caroline M. Howarth and the mother.

All in church, at service on Good Friday morning.

June 3, 1900:

Helen Jane Davies, daughter of Charles H. and Fanny M. Davies, born December 17, 1898. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip J. Meahl.

Carless Meahl, son of Phillip J. and Rebecca Meahl, born May 11, 1900. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Davies.

Both at residence of Mr. P. J. Meahl, LaBelle Street Thirty-second Ward, Sunday, 5 P. M.

BY THE REV. W. F. DAWSON.

June 17, 1900:

Elizabeth Frances Ritchie, daughter of Charles F. A. and Harriett E. Ritchie, born November 30, 1899. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Lowe, the maternal grandparents.

BY THE REV. ROBERT JOHN COSTER, D. D., RECTOR.

July 22, 1900:

Christ John David Hay, son of John A. and Emma M. Hay, born July 12, 1899. Sponsors, Christ John F. and Matilda Heinrich, an uncle and an aunt, In church, at morning prayer.

July 25, 1900:

Edith Stevens, daughter of Isaiah and Eva A. Stevens, born July —, 1900. Sponsors, Mary J. Hall and her mother, Mrs. Hall. In private, at the parents' home, Sweetbrier street.

July 29, 1900:

Francis Lanchon, son of John and Emma J. Lanchon, born June 23, 1899. Sponsors, Mrs. Margaret Montooth and the mother. In church, at Sunday morning service.

September 23, 1900:

Elizabeth Ellen Stevens, daughter of Isaiah and Eva A. Stevens, born January 11, 1898. Sponsors, Mrs. Hall and Mary J. Hall. In church, at Sunday evening service.

October 14, 1900:

John Cameron Ferguson, son of William Burns and Kate Miller D. Standish Ferguson, born July 26, 1900. Sponsors, John J. and Elizabeth C. Lowe. In church, at Sunday morning service.

BY THE REV. L. F. BOWER.

September 30, 1900:

Elizabeth Higginson, daughter of James and Eliza J. Higginson, born July 17, 1900. Sponsors, the parents. In church, at Sunday evening service.

BY THE REV. ROBERT JOHN COSTER, D. D., RECTOR.

March 27, 1901:

Margaret Jane Martell, daughter of Andrew K. and Margaret Martell, born August 1, 1900. Sponsors, Evan C. Jones, Alberta Martell and Jessie E. Graham. In church, at Wednesday evening service in Lent.

April 5, 1901:

Harold Manners Durham, son of Charles H. and Edith A. Durham, born June 26, 1899. Sponsors, Elisha Holcombe, and Augusta M. Shaler. In church, on Good Friday, at 4 P. M.

April 14, 1901:

Harold Earl Whitehead, son of James and Annie Whitehead, born ———, 1901. Sponsors, Benjamin H. Reithel and Hilda Griffiths. In church, at Sunday morning service.

May 12, 1901:

John Luther Zelch, born August 21, 1883; Upton States Zelch, born September 9, 1885; sons of John L. and Mellie M. Zelch. Sponsors, William John Niell and Mary Ashford. In church, at morning service, Sunday.

June 9, 1901:

Annie Halpin Neely, daughter of Harry W. and Mary S. Neely, born March 16, 1901. Sponsors, William Halpin and Mrs. Robert Stinson. In church, at Sunday morning service.

June 16, 1901:

Percy Overland George, son of ——— and Margaret George, born September 17, 1894. Sponsors, George Davis, grandfather, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Anderson,

Norma Buik Anderson, daughter of Harry H. and Caroline D. Anderson, born October 5, 1900. Sponsors, George Davis, grandfather, and Mrs. Margaret George.

Both in church, at evening service.

June 19, 1901:

Charles Warren Wall, son of Lewis A. and May B. Wall, born May 16, 1901. Sponsors, Owen O'Malley and Esther V. Reed. At the home of the parents, Kearsage Street, 4:30 P. M.

July 14, 1901:

Elizabeth Conrad Tilden, daughter of William M. and Anna M. Tilden, born April 15, 1901. Sponsors, Mary E. Sprague and the parents; at the home of the parents, Bigham street.

December 29, 1901:

Arthur Bertram Martin, son of Harry and Amy Martin, born November 11, 1901. Sponsors, Joseph A. and Elizabeth Barton. In church, at evening service.

January 12, 1902:

Herbert Walter Patton, son of John J. and Minnie E. Patton, born November 4, 1901. Sponsors, David Joy, proxy for John J. Weakley, and Mrs. Mary Joy. In church, at evening service.

March 7, 1902:

Isabella Herbert Coward, born October 21, 1888; John William Coward, born January 23, 1892; Mary Francis Coward, born January 9, 1894; George Stanley Coward, born November 29, 1895; Frederick James Coward, born July 26, 1899; children of John W. and Mary A. Coward. Sponsors, Mrs. Frances Rebecca Lickel and the children's mother.

Lilian Ruth Lickel, daughter of Jacob and Frances R. Lickel, born September 4, 1894. Sponsors, Mrs. Mary A. Coward and Mrs. Frances Rebecca Lickel. In church, Fourth Sunday in Lent, at 4 P. M.

March 23, 1902:

Ethel Cornelia Bond, daughter of Frank S. and Cornelia A. Bond, born July 24, 1901. Sponsors, Mrs. Jane A. Bowman and parents. In church, at Sunday morning service.

Allan Sherman McDonald, son of Mathew T. McDonald, born January 8, 1890. Sponsors, Sara C. and Harry C. McDonald. In church.

March 28, 1902.

John Meyer Hay, son of John and Emma Hay, born August 3, 1901. Sponsors, Charlotte Heinrich and Ida Clark.

Antoinette Helen Brush, adopted daughter of George E. and Patience V. Brush, born February 24, 1897. Sponsors, Mrs. Hannah J. Boyce and adopted mother.

Ethel Lois Minsinger, born July 5, 1896; Mabel Caroline Minsinger, born January 13, 1892; daughters of Jacob and Annie Minsinger. Sponsors, Caroline Minsinger and the mother for Ethel Lois; Ada M. Timmens and Alice A. Walter for Mabel Caroline. In church, Good Friday, 4 P. M.

May 11, 1902:

Helen Evelyn Dyer, daughter of Samuel W. and Caroline M. Dyer, born December 10, 1901. Sponsors, Helen S. Neely and Rose E. Dyer.

Mary Newell Bigham, daughter of Thomas J. and Ida N. Bigham, born March 6, 1902. Sponsors, Annie Newell and Clara V. Small. In church, at morning service, Sunday after Ascension.

July 9, 1902:

Phillip Flinn Ashford, born May 6, 1902, son of Thomas F., Jr., and Harriett J. Ashford. Sponsors, Joseph E. and Annie L. Ashford. At the home of the parents, Sycamore Street.

September 21, 1902:

Edward Julius Wilson, born in Ireland July 19, 1902, son of Samuel and Margaret Wilson. Sponsors, John Anderson and Eliza Wehls.

Jessie Brown Clark, daughter of Henry W. and Jessie B. Clark, born December 9, 1896. Sponsors, Edward and Alice Gould and Rebecca Torrence. In church, at Sunday evening service.

November 23, 1902:

Harriett Ellen Clibbens, daughter of Benjamin and Emily H. Clibbens, born July 19, 1902. Sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. James Burnett. At Sunday morning service.

February 4, 1903:

George Ludwig King, son of George L. and Nellie O. King, born October 4, 1902. Sponsors, George King, the grandfather, and Mary Ashford, the grandmother. At the home of the parents, in Bellevue, Pa.

March 6, 1903:

Ethel Alice Gibson, adult, born August 1, 1884, daughter of William F. and Mary A. Gibson. Witness, her mother, Mrs. Mary A. Gibson.

Lydia Clara Gilbert, adult, born April 4, 1887, daughter of Russell V. and Clara M. Gilbert. Witness, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Lowe. In church, first Friday in Lent, at 4 P. M.

April 1, 1903:

Harriett Miriam Bond, daughter of Robert C. and Harriett E. Bond, born October 20, 1902. Sponsors, Mrs. Joseph Bowman and William L. Bond, Sr. At evening service, third Wednesday in Lent.

April 10, 1903:

Eugene Yensch Coward, born June 6, 1902, son of John W. and Mary A. Coward. Sponsors, Mary Ann Coward and the mother.

Albert Edward Smith, born January 27, 1901, son of George T. and Lillie M. Smith. Sponsors, Lillie May Jarvis and the mother.

Elizabeth Grace Jarvis, born November 16, 1902, daughter of William O. and Lillie M. Jarvis. Sponsors, David H. and Elizabeth G. Smith.

Walter Jacob Minsinger, born August 24, 1902, son of Walter J. and Lillie Minsinger. Sponsors, Annie Minsinger and the mother.

Hazel Ada Zehfuss, born December 23, 1902, daughter of Edward M. and Martha Zehfuss. Sponsors, Ada Zehfuss and the mother.

Rudolph David John Rosenkranz, born December 24, 1896, son of Rudolf A. and Annie J. Rosenkranz. Sponsors, Max Rosenkranz, an uncle, and the mother. At service in the church, Good Friday, 4 P. M.

June 7, 1903:

William Stewart, born April 23, 1893; Martha Stewart, born November 6, 1896; children of John and Martha Stewart. Sponsors, Mary J. Hall and the mother. At Sunday morning service, in the church.

June 21, 1903:

Howard Clark Niven, son of Walter C. and Bertha M. Niven, born at Glassport, Pa., December 9, 1902. Sponsors, Howard C Niven, an uncle, and Mrs. A. C. Niven, the grandmother.

John Clemens Morgan, adult, born June 20, 1886, son of James D. and Mary C. Morgan. Witnesses, his mother and Thomas J. Bigham.

September 20, 1903:

Hugh Voigt Groves, son of Fred H. and Viola S. Groves, born March 9, 1903. Sponsors, Mrs. George J. Humbert and the father. At morning service, in church.

CONFIRMATIONS

IN

GRACE CHURCH, MOUNT WASHINGTON,
1853-1903,

AS RECORDED IN THE PARISH REGISTER.

By the Rt. Rev. Alonza Potter, D. D., Bishop of
Pennsylvania. Rev. Richard Smith, Rector.

September 14, 1854.

Thomas J. Bigham, Margaret Lowen, Maria Lowen,
Margaret A. Neely, Robert Neely, Ephriam Reese,
Ellen Stubbs and Rebecca Wilson.

April 27, 1857.

Rev. Charles W. Quick, Rector.

George Chivers, Olive Chivers, Barbara Ditmore
and Kate Golding.

By the Rt. Rev. William Bacon Stevens, D. D., Asst.
Bishop of Pennsylvania. Rev. Gustavus W.
Mayer, Rector.

August 1, 1862.

Mrs. Phebe A. McMillin, John C. Shaler, Jr., and
Miss Augusta Shaler.

May 17, 1864.

Dr. L. H. Harris, Lay Reader.

Joel L. Bigham, Elizabeth Minsinger, William Min-
singer, Emily Smith, David Torrence and Mrs. Mary
E. Torrence.

By Rt. Rev. John B. Kerfoot, D. D., First Bishop of
Pittsburgh. Rev. B. B. Killikelly D. D., Rector.

September 30, 1866.

Mrs. Maria Adams, Mrs. Susan Blanton, Mrs. Phebe
Craig, Mrs. Mary Jane Campbell, Mrs. Alice Hibbs,
Mrs. Agnes Hughes, William Hughes, Mrs. Sarah
Goldthorp, Julian G. Maddox, Miss Theresa Shaeffer,
Miss Dorothy Trotter, and Mrs. Prudence R. Wilmot.

July 18, 1869.

Rev. Robert John Coster, Rector.

Edward Bratt, Nellie Ruth Bratt, Miss Mary Lowen
Goldthorp, Miss Kate Goldthorp, Miss Elizabeth
Goldthorp, Miss Amelia Shaeffer, Miss Mary Rebecca
Torrence, and Miss Sarah Ann Torrence.

March 28, 1872—Passion Week, Wednesday, 7:30 P. M.

John C. Davitt, Mrs. Nellie Davitt, Miss Sarah Goldthorp, Miss Anna Maria Jackson, Miss Margaret Schaeffer, Miss Mary Storer, Miss Elizabeth Torrence and Miss Henrietta Wilson.

December 27, 1873—Sunday after Christmas, 3 P. M.

Edward H. Dermitt, Mrs. Mary Jane Ewens, Mrs. Eliza A. Goehring, Miss Lida A. Goehring, Miss Margaret Goehring, Mrs. Ann E. Milligan and Melville L. Stout.

May 31, 1874—Trinity Sunday morning.

Miss Mary Marland, and Charles Stein.

March 21, 1875—Palm Sunday, 3 P. M.

Miss Ann Halpin, Miss Mary Halpin, Miss Margaret Jane Smith, Robert Reed Torrence and Miss Elizabeth G. Zehfuss.

May 7, 1876—Third Sunday after Easter, 3 P. M.

William McKean Kurtz, Miss Mary A. I. Wilmot, Miss Prudence Theresa Wilmot and Miss Annie Zehfuss.

June 10, 1877.

Miss Dode Goehring, Miss Agnes Thomas and Miss Mary ———.

June 9, 1878.

A. P. Davis and Mrs. A. P. Davis.

March 2, 1879.

Miss Mary J. Bigham, Henry James, Sr., Miss Fanny Wilmot and Miss Mary Zehfuss.

May 9, 1880—Sunday after Ascension, A. M.

Miss Eliza Augusta Bigham, Miss Minnie Lefferts and Mrs. Margaret Douglas Goldthorp.

By Rt. Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead, D. D., second Bishop of Pittsburgh. Rev. Robert John Coster, Rector.

March 8, 1882—Third Wednesday in Lent, evening prayer.

Herbert Anthony Davis, Miss Ann Green, Miss Agnes Washington Hughes, Miss Margaret Elizabeth Jackson, Miss Ellen Lee Prosser, Miss Mary Magdalene Stinson and Robert Stinson.

April 6, 1884—Palm Sunday, A. M.

Thomas F. Ashford, Jr., Frank Goehring, Miss Lottie Marland and Miss Edith Milligan.

March 25, 1885—Fifth Wednesday in Lent, at evening prayer.

Thomas Furber, Miss Mary Elizabeth Kenah, Miss Elmina McMillin, Mrs. Lucy D. Montgomery, Miss Natalie Schank and Miss Edith Smithson.

March 21, 1886—Second Sunday in Lent, A. M.

Miss Ida Josephine Armiger, George Edward List, Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Smithson, Miss Augusta Margaret Shaler, Miss Edith Amelia Shaler, Miss Mary Ann Thompson and Miss Emma Ann Torrence.

March 27, 1887—Fifth Sunday in Lent, A. M.

Miss Georgina Ashford, Miss Emily McMillin, Miss Annie Halpin Hughes, Edward Conway Shaler, and Miss Caroline A. Wilmot.

March 25, 1888—Palm Sunday, A. M. Twentieth year of the rectorship of the Rev. Robert John Coster.

Mrs. Mary A. Ashford, Mrs. Margaret Armiger, Mrs. Alice Belle Bollman, Robert Coster Bond, Frank Speer Brunt, Harry Lee Brunt, Miss Nellie Lorena Brunt, William Hamilton Brunt, Mrs. Cornelia S. Chamberlain, Walter Dixon, Mrs. Selina Florence, Samuel Henry Kenah, William P. Linhart, Ernest Whitworth Marland, Mrs. Margaret H. McKain, Miss Caroline R. Naysmith, Mrs. Sarah A. Naysmith, Miss Isabella B. Naysmith, Harry W. Neely, Walter Clark Niven, Mrs. Jane M. Niven, Miss Catherine A. Price, Mrs. Amanda A. Purkey, Mrs. Lewis C. Purkey, Lewis C. Purkey, Edward C. Purkey, Mrs. Margaret Reed, Robert Wilson Revelvy, Harry Gibson Shaler, Harry Peterson Speer, William Brunt Speer, Mrs. Mary Stinson, wife of Robert, and Mrs. Mary Ann Storer.

May 19, 1889—Fourth Sunday after Easter, 3:30 P. M.

Frank S. Bond, Mrs. William P. Linhart and Mrs. Clara Montreville.

April 6, 1890—Easter Sunday evening.

Nellie Olive Ashford, Maude Gertrude Burrows, Miss Clara Ann Bowman, John Cooper Bindley, John Boyce, Miss Helena Marie Dermitt, Miss Matilda Sophia Henkler, Miss Sadie Belle Linhart, William Naysmith, Miss Catherine Needham, George Eynon Reed, Orin W. Sadler, M. D., Miss Verona Jane Taylor Wilmot and Miss Ida May Zehfuss.

April 12, 1891—Second Sunday after Easter.

Miss Anna Brokaw Armiger, Miss Sarah Harris Armstrong, John Charles Herbert, James Lewis McKain, Miss Mabel Ruth Miller, Robert George Naysmith, Miss Maude Amelia Robertson, Miss Mabel Reta Stevens, Miss Minnie Blanche White and William Jay White.

April 3, 1892—Fifth Sunday in Lent, P. M.

Miss Mary Florence Ashford, Miss Cornelia Augusta Bowman, Miss Emma May Heinrich, William Kirkland Hughes, Miss Josephine Ellen Needham, Miss Elizabeth Torrence, Robert Torrence, Oscar Brashear Torrence and Miss Mary Alice Whaley.

March 15, 1893—Fifth Wednesday in Lent, P. M.

Harry Butterfield, Edward John Gould, Albert Heinrich, Samuel Marlow Pare, Miss Harriett Reed and Miss Rachel Louise Wait.

March 18, 1894—Palm Sunday, P. M.

Miss Margaret Elise Altstadt, Miss Elizabeth Carter, George B. McClellan Hannam, Mrs. Matilda Sophia Hannam, Christ John Fred. Heinrich, Miss Geraldine Annie Howes, William Boisol Kenah, Albert George Lowe, Miss Harriett Elizabeth Lowe, John Johnson Lowe, Mildred Lee Phillips, William Denning Shaler and Robert Clinton Woods.

April 7, 1895—Palm Sunday, 7:30 P. M.

Agnes Chambers, Lillian Goldthrop Dermitt, Selina Alicia Florence, Sadie Glaze, Maude Amanda Hannam, Jeannette R. Lewis McKain, Agnes McRae, Alberta Martel, Annie Woods, Lynn Morris Thompson, Stanley Fitton Wilmot, William James Woods and Edward Minsinger Zehfuss.

April 3, 1896—Good Friday, 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

Joseph Eichbaum Ashford, Thomas James Bigham, James Edgar Flinn, Roland Lee Goldthorp, Frederick Hugh Groves, George Abraham Johnson, Joseph Naglee Reeves, George Frank Slocum, William Kerr Thompson, Catherine Flinn, Fanny Charlotte Mason, Mabel Lotus McCormick, Florence Elizabeth Sellars and Clara Vincent Small.

The Bishop preached on the Atonement. No processional hymn, and no singing in the service, except Hymn No. 100 before the sermon and No. 501 before the confirmation, and the recessional, "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah."

April 4, 1897—Fifth Sunday in Lent, 4 P. M.

Samuel Harper Howarth, Harry Minnus McCombe, Harry Chesney M. McDonald, Howard Floyd Small, Catherine Francis Alstadt, Alice Julia Silence Gould, Matilda Eva Heinrich, Caroline May Howarth, Lillian Martel, Harriett Deborah McCormick, Edith Loretta Minsinger, Sarah Caroline Minsinger, and Florence Emma Moyer.

Music by the vested choir of 16 boys and 3 men, with Mr. W. H. Sweitzer at the organ. Solo sung by Mr. Reed, of Trinity Church choir, during the offertory.

April 24, 1898—Second Sunday after Easter, 7:30 P. M.

Clarence George Brush, Charles Wilmot Coward, James Stewart Florence, William Hoppman, Harry James, Wilfred Drabbel Lowe, Albert Coster Turbett, George Hobday Wilmot, Edna Kane Cartwright, Prudence Rebecca Coward, Ella Margarite McKain, Esther M. Moyer, Florence Martha Schmidt, Alice T. Torrence and Nellie Torrence.

The rector read the service and the Bishop preached the sermon. Music by the vested choir, with William H. Sweitzer at the organ.

March 26, 1899—Palm Sunday, at 3 P. M.

Annie Lenora Ashford, Elizabeth Alice Purkey, Florence Elizabeth Thorn and Charles Francis Adams Ritchie.

Music by the vested choir. Solo sung during the offertory by George Howarth.

March 11, 1900—Second Sunday in Lent, 3:30 P. M.

Harry Anderson, William Alfred Bowman, Albert Glaze, William Thomas Higginson, Ralph Reed Lewis, Joseph Niell, William John Niell, Mary Ann Barnes, Anna Gibson, Mary Jane Gibson, Margaret, Winifred Kemp and Viola Sarah Voigt.

Music by vested choir of 6 boys and 6 men, with Henry W. Clark at the organ.

March 24, 1901—Fifth Sunday in Lent, 4 P. M.

Salina Beatrice Boyce, Inez May Douthitt, Caroline May Flinn, Charlotte Sophia Heinrich, Alice Eden Kemp, Alma Lillian Moyer, Louise Helen Schmidt, Maria Louise Stout and Mary Della Towse.

The rector read the service and the Bishop preached the sermon. Music by the vested choir of 6 men and 12 women. Solo sung by Mrs. T. J. Bigham during the offertory, Henry W. Clark presiding at the organ.

March 9, 1902—Fourth Sunday in Lent, 3:30 P. M.

Frederick Bradley, George Minsinger Howarth, James Whitehead, Mary Isabella Bowman, Patience Virginia Brush, Isabella Herbert Coward, Violet Irene Coward, Olive Virginia Mason, Edith Elizabeth Minsinger, Mary Blanche Minsinger, Helen Stinson Neely, Nellie Niell and Annie Whitehead.

The Bishop read the lessons and prayers and preached. Music by vested choir. Solo sung by Miss Eggers, with Henry W. Clark at the organ.

March 29, 1903—Fifth Sunday in Lent, 3:30 P. M.

Alice Stinson Ashford, Margaret Blackmore Ashford, Lillian Helen Boyce, Gladys Elizabeth Crum, Ethel Alice Gibson, Lydia Clara Gilbert, Mrs. Ida May Heinrich, Edith Cameron Lowe, Blanche Olivet Minsinger, Ada Wilhelmina Zehfuss, Gertrude Matilda Zehfuss and Thomas George Purkey.

The rector said evening prayer, Thomas J. Bigham reading the lessons. The Bishop addressed the class. No sermon. Music by the vested choir of 5 men and 8 women, with Frederick W. Hall at the organ.

MARRIAGES

OF

PARISHIONERS OF GRACE CHURCH, MOUNT WASHINGTON, PITTSBURGH, 1860-1903.

The Parish Register does not contain any record of marriages prior to the year 1860.

July 4, 1860.

Jeremiah Jones and Charlotte Joyce, in Grace Church, at 8 o'clock A. M., by the Rev. Jubal Hodges, in the presence of the congregation.

April 14, 1867.

Melchior Verner and Matilda C. McClurg, in Grace Church, at noon, by the Rev. B. B. Killikelly, in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Bigham and others.

May 3, 1867.

Alexander Campbell and Mary Jane King, at the residence of Thomas J. Bigham, Woodlawn, Mount Washington, by the Rev. B. B. Killikelly, D. D., rector, in the presence of the family and the vestry of Grace Church.

November 4, 1869.

John C. Shaler, Jr., son of John Conway Shaler, of Duquesne Heights, and grandson of Judge Charles Shaler, of Pittsburgh, and Ellen Ruth Bratt, daughter of Squire Edward Bratt, in Grace Church, at 11 o'clock A. M., by the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, in the presence of the parents of the bride and groom and a large gathering of their friends.

October 5, 1871.

Thomas W. Steele and Mary Goldthorp, daughter of Samuel H. and Sarah Lowen Goldthorp, by the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, at the residence of the bride's parents, Wyoming street, near Sycamore, in the presence of her father's family, her grandfather's (George Lowen's) family and other friends.

February 22, 1872.

Adam A. Milligan and Nannie Goehring, daughter of Charles Goehring, by the rector, Rev. R. J. Coster, at 9 o'clock P. M., at the residence of the bride's parents, Grandview avenue, near Stanwix street, in the presence of the family and a large number of friends.

June 18, 1874.

Edward H. Dermitt and Kate Goldthorp, daughter of Samuel H. and Sarah Lowen Goldthorp, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, in Grace Church, at 8 o'clock P. M., in the presence of Joshua Goldthorp, brother of the bride, and Sarah Dermitt, sister of the groom, witnesses of the marriage, and a large congregation of the friends of the two families.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the rector, in behalf of the congregation, with a few words of congratulation, presented to the bride and groom a handsome family Bible, as a token of their love and good wishes and as an acknowledgment of the faithful and valuable services of both of them as members of the choir of Grace Church.

October 26, 1875.

John Bindley and Emeline Houston, daughter of Edward and Mary Houston, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, at the Bishop Bowman Institute, corner of Penn avenue and Fourth street, at 9:30 P. M., in the presence of Messrs. Edwin and Albion Bindley, brothers of the groom, and Messrs. Edward F. and Charles W. Houston, brothers of the bride, Mrs. Charles S. Black and a number of others.

March 28, 1877.

Tom Thomas Ewens and Mary Elizabeth Davis, by the Rev. R. J. Coster, at the Bishop Bowman Institute, corner of Penn avenue and Fourth street, at 8:30 P. M., in the presence of George Glass and Violet H. Swem, as witnesses.

September 27, 1877.

John Kinney and Sarah Smith, daughter of Mrs. Alfred Marland by her first marriage, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, at the residence of Mr. Alfred Marland, Southern avenue, the home of the bride, at 8:30 P. M., in the presence of the family and a company of friends.

October 25, 1877.

David Henry Smith and Elizabeth Grace Zehfuss, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, in Grace Church, at 8 o'clock P. M., in the presence of Mrs. E. H. Dermitt and the congregation.

November 13, 1879.

David Smith and Emma Phillishoddy, daughter of Dr. Phillishoddy, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, in Grace Church, at 8 o'clock P. M., in the presence of the congregation, friends of the bride and groom.

January 27, 1880.

George Alfred Glaze and Emma James, daughter of Henry and Ann James, of Bigham street, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, at the Bishop Bowman Institute, corner of Penn avenue and Fourth street, at 8 o'clock P. M., in the presence of Miss Amy Glaze and Mrs. R. J. Coster, as witnesses.

April 13, 1880.

John Oakley and Imogen Brashear, by the Rev. R. J. Coster and Bishop Kerfoot, in St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh, at 7:30 P. M., in the presence of a large congregation.

April 28, 1880.

James Bennett Boggs, son of the late Samuel Boggs, of Boggs avenue, and Sarah Goldthorp, daughter of Samuel H. and Sarah Lowen Goldthorp, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, at the residence of the bride's parents, Wyoming street, near Sycamore, at 1 o'clock P. M., in the presence of Lincoln Boggs, brother of the groom, and Miss Julia Jenkins, as witnesses, and a large company of friends of the two families.

The rector and his wife offered hearty congratulations to the young couple—to the bride as a loved graduate of the Bishop Bowman Institute, and to the groom as an honored friend whom they had known from childhood.

September 1, 1880.

Cyrus M. Robinson and Lida Ann Goehring, daughter of Charles and Eliza A. Goehring, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, at the Bishop Bowman Institute, corner Penn avenue and Fourth street, at 4:30 P. M., in the presence of the rector's family.

November 8, 1880.

John William Coward and Mary Ann Wilmot, daughter of George and Prudence R. Wilmot, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, at the Bishop Bowman Institute, at 8 o'clock P. M., in the presence of Prudence Wilmot, sister of the bride, and William Krauslever, as witnesses.

March 25, 1881.

Alfred Marland and Sarah Smith, at their residence, Southern avenue, at 6 P. M., with Kirk Q. Bigham as witness.

April 19, 1881.

Robert Reed Torrence and Emma Ann Comar, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, at the Bishop Bowman Institute, corner Penn avenue and Fourth street, at 4 o'clock P. M., in the presence of the rector's family.

December 25, 1883.

Charles Walter, Jr., and Minnie Lefferts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lefferts, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, at the residence of the bride's parents, Virginia Avenue, near Bertha Street, in the presence of the parents of the bride and groom and a company of friends of the two families.

August 30, 1884.

William Henry James and Mary Elizabeth Costello, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, at the Bishop Bowman Institute corner of Penn avenue and Fourth street, at 8 o'clock P. M., in the presence of Margaret Brown and Mrs. R. J. Coster, as witnesses.

October 9, 1884.

Andrew Cuthbert and Mrs. Anna Belle Hahn, at the residence of William Hamilton, 17 Lincoln avenue, Allegheny, at 8 P. M., in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. William Hamilton and other friends.

December 4, 1884.

Edwin Bindley and Mary Jane Musgrove, daughter of James Musgrove, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, at the residence of the bride's father, corner of Fifth and Aiken avenues, at 8 o'clock P. M., in the presence of Mr. Musgrove and family and a company of friends.

April 7, 1885.

Melville L. Stout and Mary A. Bigham, daughter of Mrs. Maria L. and the late Thomas J. Bigham, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, at Woodlawn, the residence of the bride's mother, Thirty-second Ward, Mount Washington, in the presence of Kirk G. Bigham, the brother, and Eliza Bigham, the sister of the bride, and Harry Stout, the brother of the groom, as witnesses.

January 19, 1886.

William Anderson Reese and Sarah Isabella Bond, daughter of William L. and Anna M. Bond, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, at the residence of the bride's parents, corner of Virginia avenue and Oneida street, Duquesne Heights, in the evening, in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Bond and Benjamin Reese, brother of the groom, and a large company of friends.

June 10, 1886.

Charles William Weygand and Hannah Irene Robinson, daughter of James and Mary A. Robinson, by the rector, the Rev. Robert J. Coster, at the bride's residence, Cowan street, at 8 o'clock P. M., in the presence of the family and a number of friends of the bride and groom.

October 7, 1886.

John Stanford Trunick and Mary Bailey, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, at the Bishop Bowman Institute, corner of Penn avenue and Fourth street, at 8 o'clock P. M., in the presence of John Lewis and Fanny Cosgrove, as witnesses.

July 11, 1887.

James Robinson and Minnie Good, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, at the Bishop Bowman Institute, corner of Penn avenue and Fourth street, in the presence of Charles C. Coster, son of the rector, and George Jones, as witnesses.

October 13, 1887.

Robert Stinson and Mary E. C. M. Wilbert, daughter of John Wilbert, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, in Grace Church, at 8 o'clock P. M., in the presence of Oliver Stinson and Stanley Neely, as witnesses, and a congregation of their friends.

April 26, 1888.

Morris Dallett and Margaret B. Millard, by the Rev. R. J. Coster, at the residence of Miss Mary McClurg, South Thirty-third and Carson streets, city, in the presence of Miss Mary McClurg, Mrs. Verner and Mrs. John B. Dunlevy, as witnesses.

September 6, 1888.

Harry W. Neely and Mary Magdalene Stinson, daughter of Mrs. Ann Stinson, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, in Grace Church, at 8 o'clock P. M., in the presence of Alfred Auchinbaugh and Sarah Hal-

pin, cousins of the bride, as witnesses, and a congregation of friends.

The ceremony was followed by a large reception at the bride's home, on Bailey avenue, where the young couple received the congratulations of their numerous friends.

September 13, 1888.

Jacob Lickel and Francis R. Wilmot, daughter of George and Prudence Wilmot, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, at the Bishop Bowman Institute, at 8 o'clock P. M., in the presence of Prudence Wilmot, sister of the bride, and the rector's wife.

February 9, 1889.

Stephen Leedham and Mary Ann Harrison, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, at the residence of Edward Palmer, Southern avenue, at 6 o'clock P. M., Edward and Ann A. Palmer and Archibald and Mary J. Kennedy being witnesses.

June 5, 1889.

Albion Bindley and Sarah L. Slocum, sister of Mrs. Dr. O. W. Sadler, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, in Grace Church, at 8 o'clock P. M., in the presence of a large congregation. Adelaide Bindley, Edwin Bindley and Albion B. McMillin, the young niece and nephews of the groom, and Lucy Sadler, the young niece of the bride, led the bridal procession and acted as witnesses of the marriage.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Dr. O. W. Sadler's, where the bride and groom received the congratulations of their large circle of friends.

January 30, 1890.

Stanley L. Neely and Ella A. Harper, daughter of the late Maj. Samuel Harper, by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Helen Harper, Grandview avenue, at 8:30 P. M., in the presence of a large company of friends, Edwin Smith, a cousin of the bride, and John Davies acting as witnesses.

June 10, 1890.

John Charles Herbert and Prudence T. Wilmot, daughter of George and Prudence R. Wilmot, at the Bishop Bowman Institute, corner of Penn avenue and Fourth street, at 1 o'clock P. M., by the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, in the presence of the rector's family.

November 11, 1890.

John Marland Smith, son of Mrs. Alfred Marland by her first marriage, and Agnes E. Dilworth, daughter of Mr. Dilworth, of Beaver Falls, by the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, at the Bishop Bowman Institute, at 4:30 P. M., in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Martell, brother-in-law and sister of the groom, and Mr. and Mrs. Dilworth, parents of the bride.

March 25, 1891.

Frank W. Gordon and Carrie A. Booth, daughter of James J. Booth, at the residence of the bride's parents, corner of Boquet and Wilmot streets, by the Rev. R. J. Coster, at 8 P. M., in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Booth and a company of friends of the bride and groom.

June 10, 1891.

Phillip Keller and Elizabeth McNally, at the Bishop Bowman Institute, corner of Penn avenue and Fourth street, by the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, at 8 o'clock P. M., in the presence of Thomas D. Keller, Rebecca W. L. Dalzell and the rector's family.

June 25, 1891.

Oliver Halpin Stinson and Anna Marguerite Hosbach, daughter of Mrs. Hosbach, of Hazelwood, in Grace Church, at 8 o'clock P. M., by the Rt. Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, in the presence of Messrs. James Littell, Thomas F. Ashford, Jr., William Halpin, Jr., John Armstrong and John Johnston, as witnesses, and a large congregation.

In the absence of the rector the Bishop officiated; the vested choir, under Mr. D. D. Ezechiels organist, redereed the music for the occasion, making this the first choral wedding, as well as one of the most interesting, ever held in the church.

September 9, 1891.

William H. Moffatt and May J. Hopkins, at the residence of the bride's brother, J. W. Hopkins, Southern avenue, by the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins and Miss Briggs.

October 8, 1891.

Thomas F. Ashford, Jr., eldest son of Thomas F. Ashford, Sr., of Virginia street, and Harriett J. Berry, daughter of Daniel Berry, of Wyoming street, in Grace Church, at 12 o'clock M., by the Rev. R. J.

Coster, rector, in the presence of Mr. George King, the parents of the bride and groom, and a large congregation of the friends of the two families.

October 29, 1891.

Samuel Washburne Harper, eldest son of the late Maj. Samuel Harper, and Ignatia Marland, second daughter of the Hon. Alfred Marland, in Grace Church, at 7:30 P. M., by the Rev. R. J. Coster, in the presence of Miss Charlotte Marland, the sister of the bride, Mrs. Lindsay and a large congregation.

After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of Mr. Alfred Marland, Southern avenue, where the young couple received the congratulations their numerous friends.

October 18, 1892.

William H. Newmeyer and Isabella B. Naysmith, at the Bishop Bowman Institute, corner of Penn avenue and Fourth street, at 3 o'clock P. M., by the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, in the presence of Miss Ida Armiger, the Misses Naysmith, sisters of the bride, and the rector's wife.

December 28, 1892.

Leonard Rau and Agnes W. Hughes, daughter of Mrs. Annie Hughes, widow of the late William Hughes, at the residence of the bride's mother, corner of Norton and Cowan streets, by the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, in the presence of Mr. S. J. Creighton, Miss Annie Hughes, sister of the bride, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Rau, parents of the groom, and a large company of the friends of the young couple.

February 7, 1893.

Thomas Golding Bond, eldest son of William L. Bond, and Virginia Lowen, eldest daughter of John Lowen and granddaughter of the late George Lowen, one of the first vestrymen of Grace Church, at the home of the bride's parents, Union Township, Allegheny County, by the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, at 8 o'clock P. M., in the presence of the bride's father and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Bond, parents of the groom, and a large company of others, who after the ceremony offered their congratulations to the young couple.

April 25, 1893.

James H. Hamnett, of Wilkinsburg, and Sarah Goldthorp Halpin, third daughter of William and

Maria Cowen Halpin, at the residence of the bride's parents, Virginia and Stanwix streets, by the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, at 7 o'clock P. M., in the presence of William Singer, William and Mary Halpin, brother and sister of the bride, the parents of the bride and groom, and a number of others, relatives and friends.

The young couple received the hearty congratulations of their friends and many handsome presents as tokens of their love and best wishes.

January 4, 1894.

Samuel Marlow Pare, son of William Pare and grandson of John Pare, and Catherine Ann Price, daughter of John Price, at the Bishop Bowman Institute, corner of Penn avenue and Fourth street, at 3 o'clock P. M., by the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, in the presence of Caroline B. Naysmith and William Naysmith, cousins of the groom.

June 14, 1894.

Allan Beham Angney and Ida Sophie Reineman, daughter of George Reineman, at the residence of the bride's father, Troy Hill, Allegheny, at 6 P. M., by the Rev. R. J. Coster, in the presence of the family and a number of friends.

April 2, 1895.

George William Dover, of Providence, Rhode Island, and Mabel Ogareta Stevens, of Pittsburgh, at the residence of William C. Stevens, the bride's father, 1107 Grandview avenue, by the bride's rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, in the presence of William C. Stevens, Delmar A. Stevens, Edna Johnson and a number other friends.

October 10, 1895.

Elmer Ellsworth Brosuis and Irene Gertrude Watson, at the residence of the bride's family, 234 Washington street, Allegheny, Pa. Witnesses: Grace F. Watson, George W. Watson and Jessie A. Spence.

(License No. 1375, Series C.)

May 6, 1896.

George Francis Slocum and Ardella Armstrong, in Grace Church, at 8 o'clock P. M. Harry Shaler and Sarah Armstrong, sister of the bride, witnesses.

The choir of Trinity Church, with Walter E. Hall at the organ, furnished the music for the occasion.

(License No. 4902, Series C.)

June 10, 1896.

James Still McKean, of Pittsburgh, and Athalia Hudson Daly, daughter of Thomas L. Daly, of Belle Vernon, Pa., in Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, at 12 o'clock M., the Rev. R. J. Coster officiating, assisted by the Rev. A. W. Arundel, D. D., rector of Trinity Church.

September 8, 1896.

James Russell Dodworth, of Allegheny, and Mary Elizabeth Kenah, daughter of William L. and Mary Kenah, of Bigham street, Thirty-second Ward, city, at the residence of the bride's parents. Witnesses: William L. Kenah, Samuel Kenah and others.

(License No. 7077, Series C.)

June 9, 1897.

George Russell Davies, of Pittsburgh, and Ethel May Booth, daughter of James J. Booth, of Boquet street, city, in the parlor of the Bishop Bowman Institute, corner of Fifth avenue and Dithridge street, at 8 P. M. Witnesses: Blanche Booth, sister of the bride, and Mrs. R. J. Coster, wife of the officiating clergyman.

(License No. 11441, Series C.)

June 16, 1897.

Henry Hepburn Anderson, a Scotchman by birth, and Caroline Davis, daughter of George Davis, late of England, at the residence of the bride's father, Augusta street, Duquesne Heights, city, at 6:30 P. M. Witnesses: The bride's father and Mr. and Mrs. George, of Pittsburgh.

(License No. 11608, Series C.)

Same day, at 8 P. M.

John L. Rhodes Miller, of Pittsburgh, and Georgiana Ashford, daughter of Thomas F. Ashford, Sr., at the residence of the bride's father, Bailey avenue, near Ruth Street, in the presence of the bride's family and a large number of friends.

(License No. 11610, Series C.)

July 22, 1897.

Clarence Lincoln Cooper, of Allegheny, and Emma Virginia Schmid, daughter of Prof. Francis Schmid, at the residence of the bride's family, No. 6 Stockton avenue, Allegheny, Pa., in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schmid and a company of friends.

(License No. 12197, Series C.)

October 21, 1897.

Charles Gorvin, of Kansas, and Agnes D. Thompson, daughter of the late Mrs. Mary Thompson, of Wyoming street, Thirty-second Ward, and granddaughter of the late Squire Edward Bratt, at the bride's residence, Wyoming street. Witnesses: Mr. and Mrs. John C. Shaler, Harry G. Shaler and Mrs. Emma Millingar, an aunt of the bride.

(License No. 13669, Series C.)

February 10, 1898.

Charles H. Durham, of Pittsburgh, and Edith Amelia Shaler, daughter of Clarence Shaler and granddaughter of the late Judge Charles Shaler, in Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, at 5:30 P. M., in the presence of Augusta Shaler, sister of the bride, Mr. Edwin G. Stout and other friends.

(License No. 15394, Series C.)

June 21, 1898.

Alexander Abbott and Ellen Jesson, at the residence of Miss Mary Taylor, Shiloh street, near Sycamore, Thirty-second Ward, city. Witnesses: Mary Taylor and Mrs. Palmer.

(License No. 17632, Series C.)

July 20, 1898.

Samuel James Creighton, of Pittsburgh, and Annie Halpin Hughes, daughter of Mrs. William Hughes, at the bride's home, 87 Natchez street. Witnesses: Andrew, William and Margaret Hughes.

(License No. 18175, Series C.)

October 5, 1898.

Edward Stanley Corlett, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Mary Minerva Waggoner, daughter of Andrew C. Waggoner, at the bride's residence, Grandview avenue, near Merrimac street, Thirty-second Ward, at 7 o'clock P. M., in the presence of the family and the witnesses, Mr. ——— Pierson and Miss ——— Soffel.

(License No. 19389, Series C.)

October 6, 1898.

Henry Franklin Wirtz and Mary Margarite Irving, in the parlor of the Bishop Bowman Institute, 4504 Fifth avenue, at 8 P. M. Witnesses: Mr. and Mrs. Irving, the bride's brother and his wife.

(License No. 19456, Series C.)

December 1, 1898.

Jeptha Newkirk, of Pittsburgh, and Mary Davage Rowand, daughter of A. T. Rowand, of this city, at the bride's residence, 918 Ivy street, at 6 P. M. Witnesses: A. T. Rowand, Jr., and Lucy Rowand.

(License No. 20538, Series C.)

January 24, 1899.

Charles Francis Adams Ritchie, of Pittsburgh, and Harriett Elizabeth Lowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Lowe, of Plymouth street, Duquesne Heights, in the parlor of the Bishop Bowman Institute, No. 4504 Fifth avenue, at 1:30 P. M. Witnesses: Mrs. John J. Lowe, Mrs. R. J. Coster and Miss ——— Dermitt.

(License No. 21380, Series C.)

June 27, 1899.

James Whitehead, of Pittsburgh, and Annie Flaherty, of the same place, in the parlor of the Bishop Bowman Institute, No. 4504 Fifth avenue, at 7:30 P. M. Witnesses: Benjamin Reithel and Annie Orshman.

(License No. 24181, Series C.)

July 11, 1899.

Thomas James Bigham, son of the late Joel L. and Sarah Bigham and grandson of the late Thomas J. and Maria L. Bigham, and Ida Newell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newell, of Virginia avenue, Thirty-second Ward, in Grace Church, at 10:30 A. M., in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newell, Kirk Q. Bigham, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Stout and others.

(License No. 24502, Series C.)

July 12, 1899.

Frank Skidamore Bond, son of William L. and Annie M. Bond, of Virginia avenue, Duquesne Heights and Cornelia A. Bowman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bowman, of Maple Terrace, Stanwix street; at the residence of the bride's parents, at 8 o'clock P. M. Witnesses, Robert C. Bond, John Bowman and Harry Speer.

(License No. 24549, Series C.)

September 5, 1900.

George Ludwig King, son of George King, of South Side, Pittsburgh, and Nellie Olive Ashford, daughter of Thomas F. and Mary Ashford, of Bailey avenue, in St. Peter's Church, Grant and Diamond streets, Pittsburgh, at 6 P. M. Witnesses: William Shafer and Mary Ashford, a sister of the bride; the Rev. R. J. Coster, D. D., officiating, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Ward, the rector of St. Peter's.

(License No. 8148, Series D.)

On the same day at 8 P. M.:

Robert Coster Bond, third son of William L. and Annie M. Bond, of Virginia avenue, Duquesne Heights, and Harriett Elizabeth A. Bowman, daughter of Joseph Bowman, of Maple Terrace, Stanwix street, at the residence of the bride's parents, in the presence of the family and the witnesses, Mr. James M. Stone and Miss May Neely.

(License No. 8133, Series D.)

February 12, 1901.

Samuel Wilson Dyer, of Pittsburgh, and Caroline Minsinger Howarth, daughter of John and Elizabeth Howarth, of Prospect street, Thirty-second Ward, at the residence of the bride's parents, 8 o'clock P. M. Witnesses: Mr. Hall and Miss Shilling.

(License No. 11971, Series D.)

May 2, 1901.

Benjamin Clibbens and Emily H. Smith, at No. 239 Alpine avenue, Allegheny, Pa., at 3 o'clock P. M. Witness: Edward Purkey.

(License No. 13557, Series D.)

June 6, 1901.

Charles G. Jeffery, of Pittsburgh, and Sarah H. Armstrong, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Armstrong, of Penn and Braddock avenues, at the home of the bride's mother, at 7 o'clock P. M. Witnesses: Miss Elberty, Harry Jeffery and the family.

August 14, 1901.

William John White, of Pittsburgh, and Carrie Kennedy Hawk, at the bride's residence, No. 6823 MacPherson street, at 7 o'clock P. M.

(License No. 15976, Series D.)

December 24, 1901.

John Jackson O'Leary, of Ridge avenue, Allegheny, a broker by occupation, and Alberta Hortense Lare, daughter of Edwin Lare, of Washington street, Allegheny, at the residence of the bride's family, at 7 o'clock P. M.

(License No. 19352, Series D.)

January 27, 1902.

Fluellen L. Fluker (colored) and Florence Lowe (colored) at the residence of the Rev. R. J. Coster, D. D., 1064 Shady Avenue, at 9 o'clock P. M. Witnesses: Mrs. R. J. Coster and Mr. and Mrs. Burnett.

(License No. 20201, Series D.)

February 5, 1902.

John G. McCaskey, a merchandise broker of Pittsburgh, and Mary F. Ashford, daughter of Mrs. Mary Ashford, of Bailey avenue, at the residence of the Rev. R. J. Coster, D. D., No. 1064 Shady avenue, at 3 P. M. Witnesses: Mrs. Mary Ashford, mother of the bride, and Mr. William McCaskey, brother of the groom.

(License No. 20570, Series D.)

March 31, 1902.

Fred. Johnson, of Pittsburgh, and Mary J. Gibson, daughter of William T. Gibson, of Kearsage street, Thirty-second Ward, at the bride's residence 305 Kearsage street, at 8 P. M. Witnesses: William E. Johnson and Anna C. Gibson, sister of the bride.

(License No. 21417, Series D.)

April 30, 1902.

Franklin R. Kenney, lieutenant in the Regular Army of the United States, son of John P. and Sarah A. Kenney, of Pittsburgh, and Nellie Torrence, daughter of David R. Torrence, of Baum Street, at the residence of the bride's father, at 8 o'clock P. M. Witnesses: Lieutenant Mayback, Alice Torrence, the bride's sister, and Miss Albertine Junkers.

July 16, 1902.

John Hall Musgrave, an attorney of Minneapolis, and Elmina McEwen Johnston, of Pittsburgh, daughter of William E. and Elmina B. Johnston, at the residence of the bride's father, Centre avenue and Francis street, at 8 P. M. Witnesses: Dr. Musgrave, a brother of the groom, and the bride's family.

September 24, 1902.

Carl Frederick Sorg, of Pittsburgh, and Blanche Olive Booth, daughter of James J. Booth, of Boquet street, at the residence of the Rev. R. J. Coster, D. D., 1064 Shady avenue. Witnesses: Daisy D. Shook and Mrs. Emmerling.

(License No. 1527, Series E.)

October 8, 1902.

George Enoch Rice, of Waynesburg, and Edna Jane Phillips, of West Brownsville, daughter of James J. Phillips, at the residence of the bride's father, at 12 o'clock M. Witnesses; Thomas A. Bayard and Sarah Phillips.

(License No. 10269, Washington County.)

December 11, 1902.

William Edward DuBarry, of Pittsburgh, and Elizabeth M. Torrence, daughter of David R. Torrence, at the residence of the bride's father, 5604 Baum street, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. Witnesses: Mr. DuBarry, the groom's brother, and Alice Torrence, the bride's sister.

(License No. 3957, Series E.)

January 21, 1903.

Harry Stanley Lake, doctor of medicine, of Portersville, Butler County, Pa., and Bessie Douglas Goldthorp, daughter of Joshua R. and Bessie D. Goldthorp, of Wilkinsburg, at residence of bride's parents, 722 Whitney avenue, Wilkinsburg, at 6:30 P. M. Witnesses: Dr. Hill and Lillian Dermitt, the Rev. R. J. Coster, D. D., officiating.

July 1, 1903.

Victor C. Benbow, of Pittsburgh, and Anna B. Armiger, daughter of James B. Armiger, of Stanwix Street, at the residence of the Rev. R. J. Coster, D. D., 1064 Shady avenue, at 2 o'clock P. M. Witness: Mrs. R. J. Coster.

(License No. 9888, Series E.)

September 9, 1903.

Joseph Glass Noble, doctor of medicine, of Pittsburgh, and Daisy Dean Shook, daughter of Levi Shook, of Boquet street; at the residence of the Rev. R. J. Coster, D. D., 1064 Shady avenue, at 7 o'clock P. M. Witnesses: Mrs. Carl F. Sorg, Dr. Carson and Mrs. R. J. Coster.

(License No. 11823, Series E.)

BURIALS, 1854-1903.

No burials recorded in Parish Register prior to 1854.

September 22, 1854;

John Parker, in Mount Oliver Cemetery, aged 56 years.

November 7, 1854:

James Victor Leslie, in Allegheny Cemetery, aged 2 years.

February 27, 1857:

Hugh Blackhurst, Allegheny Cemetery, aged 57 years.

July 8, 1858:

Samuel F. Leslie, Allegheny Cemetery, aged 2 years.

September 8, 1858:

Thomas Frey, M. D., Allegheny Cemetery, aged 78 years.

December 29, 1858:

Hattie Chivers, Allegheny Cemetery, aged 1 year.

January —, 1859:

Ella Laura Chivers, Allegheny Cemetery, aged 6 years.

These two children of Mr. and Mrs. George Chivers were first buried in the churchyard, but in March, 1859, their remains were removed to the Allegheny Cemetery.

September 30, 1860:

Anna Elizabeth Langdon, Concord Cemetery, aged 14 months, Rev. Jubal Hodges officiating.

July 10, 1866:

Phebe Ann McMillin, aged 50 years, wife of Capt. John S. McMillin, of Grandview avenue and Bigham street. Service at the church, conducted by Dr. Killikelly, the rector, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Page and the Rev. Mr. Snively, of the city. Buried in Allegheny Cemetery. "A devout communicant of Grace Church, a most excellent Christian woman and a valuable member of the church and of society."

November 9, 1866:

Mrs. Susan Blanton, wife of Charles Blanton, in Allegheny Cemetery, Rev. B. B. Killikelly, D. D., rector, officiating.

February 3, 1867:

William Adams, a native of England, aged 66 years, in Allegheny Cemetery, by the Rev. B. B. Killikelly, D. D., rector. A trustworthy mechanic, engaged for twenty-six years in the Pittsburgh Gas Works. A devout communicant in the church of his forefathers.

August 6, 1871:

Mary Golding, mother of Capt. Thomas H. Golding, of Mount Washington, died at her home, Grandview avenue and Shiloh street, and buried in Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. Dr. Page officiating. Aged 80 years.

April 15, 1872:

Capt. Thomas H. Golding, died at his residence, Grandview avenue and Shiloh street, Saturday, 13th, after a long and painful illness, borne with great patience. Funeral service in Trinity Church, Sixth avenue, and burial in Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector of Grace Church, officiating. Aged 50 years.

July 24, 1872:

Mary Alberta Torrence, infant daughter of David R. and Margaret Torrence, aged 13 months; in Concord Cemetery, the rector officiating.

April 27, 1873:

Mrs. Dorothy Trotter Woods, wife of John Woods and daughter of Robert and Dorothy Trotter, of Mount Washington, aged 23 years. Service in Grace Church; burial in Hilddale Cemetery, the rector officiating,

January 7, 1874:

Samuel Goldthorpe Steele, infant son of Thomas W. and Mary Goldthorp Steele, aged 18 months, in Hilddale Cemetery, the rector, Rev. R. J. Coster, officiating.

June 19, 1874:

Mary Jane Ewens, wife of Tom Thomas Ewens, aged 34 years. Died at her residence, No. 1 Pastor street, after a long illness, which she bore with Christian fortitude; buried in Bellevue Cemetery, Allegheny.

July 24, 1874:

Mrs. ——— Addington, mother of Mrs. Charles Goehring, aged 79 years, died at the residence of her daughter, Grandview avenue, near Stanwix street, buried in Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating.

October 4, 1874:

Julian George Bond, eldest son of William L. and Annie M. Bond, aged 8 years and 6 months; in Allegheny Cemetery, the rector officiating.

June 13, 1876:

John Bindley McMillin, eldest son of John S. and Mary B. McMillin, aged 3 years, died at the family residence Grandview avenue and Bigham street, buried in Allegheny Cemetery, the rector officiating.

September 16, 1877:

Zebina McMillin, eldest daughter of John S. and Mary B. McMillin, aged 7 years; in Allegheny Cemetery, the rector officiating.

October 4, 1877:

John Pare, born in England, died at his residence, Garden street, Mount Washington, after a long illness, borne with great patience and submission, and buried in Union Cemetery, Allegheny, after service in Grace Church, the rector, Rev. R. J. Coster, officiating.

February 7, 1878:

Mrs. ——— Lindsley, aged 65 years, died at her residence, Gray's Road, Mount Washington, and buried in Mount Lebanon Cemetery, the rector officiating.

February 10, 1878:

Mr. ——— Alker, an Englishman, aged 76 years, died at his residence, Norton street, and buried in the South Side Cemetery, the rector officiating.

January 2, 1879:

Mrs. Mary Lowen, wife of George Lowen, born in England, died at her residence, Union Township, Allegheny County, aged 70 years, and buried in Chartiers cemetery, Mansfield Valley, the Rev. R. J. Coster officiating. Raised a large family, was a devoted mother and a faithful, conscientious woman.

"The memory of the just is blessed."

January 11, 1879:

Mrs. Sarah Reese, widow of the late David Reese and mother of Mrs. Mary E. Torrence, widow of Robert, died at the residence of Mrs. Torrence, Mount Washington, aged 87 years, and buried in Concord Cemetery, the rector officiating.

April 12, 1879:

Mrs. Maria Adams, widow of William, born in England, came to America in early womanhood, settled in Pittsburgh, married and lived on Mount Washington, Virginia street, and was for nearly thirty years a regular attendant on the services at Grace Church; died at the Home for Aged Women at the age of 78, and was buried in Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster and the Rev. J. P. Norman officiating. In her will, of which she made Henry J. Lynch, of Pittsburgh, the executor, she left to Grace Church a legacy of fifty dollars (\$50), which sum was set apart by the rector and vestry as the beginning of an endowment fund for Grace Church, called, in her memory, "The Maria Adams Endowment Fund." By this gift her name will be remembered and other devout souls be prompted to similar action. "Though dead she yet speaketh."

January 20, 1880:

Miss Margaret Goehring, eldest daughter of Charles and Eliza A. Goehring, after a long and painful illness, died at the residence of her parents, on Grandview avenue near Stanwix street, in the thirty-fifth year of her age, and was buried in Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating. She had a gentle spirit, and was a devout, faithful woman. She bore her great suffering with remarkable patience and died in full assurance of faith that God would give her peace and rest.

February 6 and 22, 1880:

Ralph Revelvy, on the 6th inst, aged 4 years and 6 months, Grace Revelvy, on the 22d inst, aged 7 years, children of Paul and Mary Revelvy, in Hilldale Cemetery, Allegheny, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating.

July 14, 1880:

John Willam Jackson, died at his residence, Southern avenue, aged 55 years; buried in Mount Lebanon Cemetery, the Rev. Robert J. Coster, rector, officiating.

December 27, 1881:

Timothy Seifert, aged 30 years, in Hilldale Cemetery, the rector, Rev. R. J. Coster, officiating.

July 9, 1882:

Dr. David Palmer, died at the residence of his mother, aged 35 years. The rector officiated at the house and the remains were taken to Windsor, Vermont, for interment in the family burying ground.

December 24, 1882:

Chester Reed, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Reed, aged 17 months; service at the parents' residence by the rector, and the remains taken to Brownsville for interment, where the Rev. Mr. Day officiated.

January 7, 1883:

Mary Amelia Bindley, infant daughter of John and Emeline Bindley, aged 10 months, in Allegheny Cemetery, the rector officiating.

March 22, 1883:

Sarah Lowen Goldthorp, wife of Samuel H. Goldthorp and daughter of George Lowen, died at the family residence, Wyoming street, near Sycamore, aged 53 years, and buried in Chartiers Cemetery, Mansfield Valley, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating. A noble and devout woman, a tender and devoted wife and mother, and an earnest church worker, adorning every sphere in which she moved with a consistent, gentle and beautiful Christian life.

September 11, 1883:

Mrs. Ruth Reed, wife of Samuel G. Reed, aged 33 years. Services at her home by the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, and the remains taken to Brownsville and interred in the family burying ground.

January 26, 1884:

Mrs. Jemima Alker, widow, aged 80 years, died at her residence, Norton street, Mount Washington; buried in South Side Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating.

February 7, 1884:

Mrs. Jane Bratt, wife of Squire Edward Bratt, died at her home, Wyoming street, near Virginia avenue, aged 77 years; buried in Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating. She was a regular at-

tendant of the service of Grace Church for nearly twenty years, a communicant and a faithful worker in her Master's service. She departed in peace, looking for the rest that await the people of God.

March 21, 1884:

Mrs. Sarah E. Minsinger, wife of William Minsinger, daughter of Charles and Margaret Ream, Mount Washington, aged 30 years; in Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster officiating.

May 19, 1884:

Mrs. Reed, daughter of George Lowen, from the residence of her brother, Seth Lowen, Virginia street; in Chartiers Cemetery, Mansfield Valley, the Rev. R. J. Coster officiating.

November 11, 1884:

Thomas J. Bigham, a vestryman and one of the founders of Grace Church, died at his residence, Woodlawn, Mount Washington. Funeral service held in Trinity Church, Sixth avenue, the Rev. R. J. Coster, assisted by the Rt. Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead, Bishop of Pittsburgh, officiating. Buried in Allegheny Cemetery. He was senior warden of the parish for many years, acted as lay reader and superintendent of the Sunday School, and from the organization of the parish in 1852 was one of its chief supporters. He was a devout, patient man, simple in his tastes, strong in his convictions and firm in his belief of the truths of the Gospel. He finished his course in faith and now rests in hope.

February 14, 1885:

George T. Lowen, born in England, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Price, in Union township, Allegheny County, at the age of 76 years; buried in Chartiers Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster officiating. He was one of the members of the first vestry of Grace Church and active in its affairs while he lived on Mount Washington; but after he moved to his farm beyond Saw Mill Run he seldom got to church, although he maintained his interest in the parish to the last. He was an upright, reliable man, and left a large family of married sons and daughters to revere his memory and imitate his integrity.

November 1, 1885:

Edward Bratt, Sr., born in England, an iron worker, came to America and finally fixed his home on Mount Washington and became a member of Grace Church; died at his residence, Wyoming street, near Virginia avenue, aged 80 years. Funeral service in the church, at 2 o'clock P. M., on All Saints Day, and buried in Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating. He was for many years a vestryman and treasurer of Grace Church; he was a devout and regular attendant on public worship, faithful in all the relations of life, and highly respected for his integrity.

January 19 and 27, 1886:

Richard Robinson, on January 19, aged 19 years, and Joseph Robinson, on the 27th, aged 10 years; brothers, sons of William and Margaret Robinson; in Mount Lebanon Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster officiating,

January 31, 1886:

Emeline Bindley, wife of John Bindley, a vestryman of Grace Church, in her thirty-third year; from her residence, Boggs avenue, Mount Washington, laid to rest in Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating.

February 15, 1886:

Mary Goldthorp Steele, widow of Thomas Steele and daughter of Samuel H. and Sarah L. Goldthorp, aged 38 years; in Chartiers Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating. A faithful and devout Christian woman.

March 1, 1887:

Mary V. Lowe, infant daughter of John J. and Elizabeth C. Lowe, of Plymouth and Sycamore streets, Duquesne Heights, aged 16 months; in Bellevue Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating.

March 25, 1887:

Sarah Isabell Reese, wife of William A. Reese and daughter of William L. and Annie M. Bond, of Virginia street, aged 24 years; in Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster officiating. Buried from her home, in Etna borough.

April 13, 1887:

George Marland, brother of Alfred Marland, aged 35 years; from his home, on Duquesne Heights, in Mount Lebanon Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster officiating.

June 19, 1887:

Elizabeth F. Howe, wife of William Howe, of 247 Virginia avenue, aged 76 years; in South Side Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster officiating.

August 26, 1887:

Samuel H. Goldthorp, of Wyoming street, aged 63 years; in Chartiers Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating. Several years he was vestryman of Grace Church.

August 27, 1887:

Hannah Irene Weygand, wife of Charles William Weygand and daughter of James and Mary A. Robinson, aged 29 years; in Chartiers Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster officiating. A fair young life, full of happiness in her married life, which ended with the birth of her first child. God doeth all things well.

September 11, 1887:

Elmer Davis, daughter of Michael and Agnes Davis, aged 3 years; in South Side Cemetery, the rector officiating.

July 29, 1888:

Arthur Phillips, stepson of H. R. Heppinstal, aged 16 years; in South Side Cemetery, the rector officiating. Drowned on July 26, while bathing in the Monongahela River.

October 16, 1888:

Maria Louise Bigham, widow of the late Thomas J. Bigham, aged 70 years, died at Hill Home, Mount Washington, her late residence. Funeral service in Grace Church, attended by a large congregation of those among whom she so long lived and worked as a Sunday School teacher and a church member; buried in Allegheny Cemetery beside her husband, the Rev. R. J. Coster, her rector, officiating. She was the chief promoter of and contributor to the organization of Grace Church, and for forty years lived among its people and shared their struggles in maintaining public worship and religious instruction for

the young. A noble, Christian woman, of great dignity of manner, of great strength of character, of high refinement and culture, of strong faith and deep piety. She died in faith in her Lord, and now, life's sorrows and disappointments over, she sleeps in peace. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

October 23, 1888:

Thomas Jackson, born in England, raised in the Church, came to this country and settled in Pittsburgh 60 years ago; became an active member of St. Andrew's Church, moved to Mount Washington, and for a number of years assisted in the Sunday School of Grace Church. Died at his residence, Prospect street, near public schoolhouse, in the eighty-first year of his age; buried in Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating.

February 3, 1889:

Edith N. Ferguson, daughter of David B. and Katharine Ferguson and granddaughter of Charles and Margaret Ream, died at her mother's residence, corner Woodville avenue and Merrimac street, aged 31 years. Funeral service in Grace Church, attended by a large congregation of her friends; buried in Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, her pastor, officiating.

An artist of great promise, a lady of fine literary taste, a devout communicant, and a woman of generous, sympathetic nature, whose rare qualities of mind and heart won for her a large circle of devoted friends.

April 16, 1890:

Evangeline Hardy, daughter of Charles C. and Cornelia E. Hardy, of Joel's Lane and Sycamore street, aged 5 years; in Uniondale Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster officiating.

July 17, 1890:

Sena Shaler, wife of John C. Shaler, Sr., and mother of John C. Shaler, Jr., died at her residence, Duquesne Heights, aged 66 years; buried in Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating. A retiring, gentle woman and a devoted wife and mother.

November 6, 1890:

Helen Jones, wife of Thomas Jones, born in England, died at her home, Natchez and Cuthbert streets,

aged 35 years, and buried in Allegheny Cemetery, the rector, Rev. R. J. Coster, officiating.

December 2, 1890:

Emily McMillin, third daughter of John S. and Mary B. McMillin, died Sunday, November 30, aged 19 years, and buried in Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating. A devout communicant, a gentle, lovable woman, full of faith in her Lord and of the hope of immortality.

December 11, 1890:

Henry Yates Robinson, son of James and Mary A. Robinson and grandson of George T. Lowen, died at the home of his parents, on Oneida street, aged 18 years, and buried in Chartiers Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating.

February 15, 1891:

William M. Hughes, died at his residence, Wyoming street, aged 55 years; buried in South Side Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating.

February 26, 1891:

John Conway Shaler, Sr., son of the late Judge Charles Shaler, died at his residence, Sweetbrier street, Duquesne Heights, aged 75 years, and buried in Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating.

March 31, 1891:

George Albert Gould, infant son of Edward and Silence Gould, Wyoming near Sycamore street, aged 2 months; in South Side Cemetery, the rector officiating.

June 28, 1891:

Neville Sydney Miller, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Miller, aged 9 months; in South Side Cemetery, the Rev. C. A. Bragdon officiating for the rector.

July 18, 1891:

Lawrence Smith Humbert, only child of Charles and Josephine Humbert, aged 10 years. Service at the parents' residence, corner of Grandview avenue and Bertha street, by the Rev. R. J. Coster, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Farran. Interment in the Summit Cemetery, near Cresson, Pa.

November 15, 1891:

Samuel Sparks Welty, son of Frederick K. and Martha L. Welty, died at the home of his parents, Grandview avenue and Shiloh street, aged 7 years. Service at the house by the Rev. R. J. Coster, and interment in St. Paul's Cemetery, near Pleasant Unity, Westmoreland County, Pa.

November 29, 1891:

Eliza Augusta Stout, second daughter of Melville L. and Mary J. Stout, and granddaughter of the late Thomas J. and Maria L. Bigham, aged 3 years and 2 months; in Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating.

January 17, 1892:

Mary Stout, third daughter of Melville L. and Mary J. Stout, aged 15 months; in Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating.

February 13, 1892:

Joel Lewis Bigham, eldest son of the late Thomas J. and Maria L. Bigham, aged 45 years, died January 20, 1892, in Winnipeg, Manitoba, B. A. His remains were brought to Pittsburgh and interred in the Allegheny Cemetery beside his father and mother.

June 18, 1892:

Isabella Golding, only daughter of the late Thomas H. and Sarah M. Golding, died at a sanatorium near Harrisburg, Pa. Remains brought to Pittsburgh and interred in Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster officiating. She was a great sufferer for several years with rheumatism, which rendered her incapable of walking. She bore her great and trying affliction with fortitude and resignation, awaiting in patience her final release.

June 20, 1892:

William Minsinger, aged 45 years. Service in Grace Church, in the presence of several societies of which deceased was a member, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating. Interment in Allegheny Cemetery.

September 23, 1892:

Margaret Armiger, aged 53 years, wife of James B. Armiger; residence, corner Sycamore and Stanwix streets. Service in Grace Church and interment in

Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster officiating. A devout Christian woman, who departed in peace, full of resignation and hope.

October 12, 1892:

Sarah Davis Bigham, wife of the late Joel L. Bigham, aged 40 years; in Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster officiating.

November 3, 1892:

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Smithson, aged 60 years. Service in Grace Church and interment in Allegheny Cemetery. A great sufferer in her illness, but patient and submissive to the Divine Will. Her last communion with the rector and her daughter Edith, Saturday, October 29. Departed in peace, in faith and hope.

November 22, 1892:

Elizabeth Church Singleton, aged 90 years, died at the residence of her son-in-law, Louis H. Purkey, Plymouth street, Duquesne Heights, and interred in Uniondale Cemetery.

December 21, 1892:

Robert Gardner, infant son of Robert and Elizabeth Jackson Gardner, Simms street, near Southern avenue, aged 11 months; in Homewood Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating.

December 29, 1892:

William Dexter Sadler, father of Dr. O. W. Sadler, aged 75 years; died at his son's residence, Grandview avenue and Bigham street, Service at the house on above date, and the remains taken to Millburn, Lake County, Ill., for interment in the family burying ground.

January 8, 1893:

Alexander Murray, son of Antony S. and the late Mary Nimick Murray, aged 17 years, died at the Episcopal Academy, Alexandria, Va., on January 6. His remains brought to Pittsburgh and interred in the Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster officiating. A noble, generous boy, pure and true, whose youth gave promise of a virtuous manhood, So gentle and winning was he that all who knew him loved him. He was the most intimate companion of the rector's son Charles, whose first great sorrow was the death of his young friend.

January 11, 1893:

George Marland, father of Mr. Alfred Marland, of Southern avenue, aged 77 years; born at Ashton-under-Lyne, England, came a few years ago to Pittsburgh, and died at his son's residence. Service at the house and interment in Mount Lebanon Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster officiating.

March 14, 1893:

John Smith McMillin, aged 76 years. Service at the late residence of the deceased, Grandview avenue and Bigham street, and interment in Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, his pastor and friend for twenty-five years, officiating. A strong character, noted for his simplicity and integrity. (See obituary.)

April 2, 1893:

Mrs. Jemima Crawford, aged 76 years, Service at the residence of her son-in-law, Edwin Wills, No. 3 Edith street, and interment in South Side Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, officiating. Came from Toronto, Canada, with her son-in-law.

June 5, 1893:

Margaret Reed, eldest daughter of Samuel G. Reed, aged 18 years, died at her father's home, Boggs avenue. Funeral service at 8 P. M. on the 4th inst., and interment on Tuesday, 6th, in the cemetery at Brownsville, Pa., the family burial place. A gentle, pure spirit; she now sleeps in peace.

November 20, 1893:

James Bennett Boggs, aged 39 years, son of the late Samuel Boggs, of Boggs avenue, Thirty-second Ward; went in 1884 to Denver, Colorado, for the benefit of his health, then to Salt Lake City, Utah, where he made his home for the last few years; returned to Pittsburgh in July this year in bad health; continued to grow worse and died November 18, 1893, at the residence of his brother-in-law, Edwin H. Dermitt, Stanton avenue, near Negley. Service at the house at 2:30 P. M., by the Rev. R. J. Coster, assisted by the Rev. George Hodges, rector of Calvary Church; buried in Allegheny Cemetery at 4 P. M., the large number of his relations and friends present indicating how highly he was esteemed for his noble traits of character. A great sufferer, but "He giveth his beloved sleep."

April 12, 1894:

Annie Murray McElroy, daughter of the late James G. Murray, of Bridgeville, Allegheny County, Pa., and wife of Robert N. McElroy, of Pittsburgh; died at her home, Lake and Turrett streets, Pittsburgh, Monday, April 9, and buried in the Presbyterian Cemetery near Bridgeville, Pa., at 4 P. M., on above date. A generous, self-denying soul, pure and true.

May 27, 1894:

Bertha Matilda Hambleton, wife of E. W. Hambleton, of Pittsburgh, and sister of M. L. Stout, died at her home, Belonda street, Friday, the 25th, and buried this day, the 27th, in South Side Cemetery. Aged 39 years.

October 7, 1894:

Edwin Wills, died at his home on Plymouth street, Duquesne Heights; buried in South Side Cemetery. Aged about 50 years. A carpenter by trade, and late from Buffalo, N. Y.

March 23, 1895:

Mrs. Sarah Shaw Boggs, daughter of the late Benjamin Bennett, and widow of the late Samuel S. Boggs, of Boggs avenue, Pittsburgh; born March 11, 1826, in Bellefonte, Pa.; married Samuel S. Boggs, October 23, 1869; died March 20, 1895, in the seventieth year of her age, after an illness of two years, which she bore with great patience. Funeral service at her late residence, Boggs avenue, Saturday, 2 P. M., above date; interred in Meadville, Sunday, March 24. A noble woman, generous and faithful.

April 8, 1895:

Adeline Matilda Whittier, daughter of John and Mellicent Stone Washburn, born September 16, 1812, at Lempster, New Hampshire; married Isaac Whittier, of the same place, November 1, 1836; came to Pittsburgh the same year, where she spent the rest of her life; died April 6, 1895, 5 P. M., in the eighty-third year of her age, at the residence of her widowed daughter, Mrs. Samuel Harper, Grandview avenue and Bertha street, Mount Washington, where she had resided for nearly forty years. Formerly a member of St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh, but for the last ten or more years a regular communicant of Grace Church,

Mount Washington. Funeral service at Grace Church, at 2 P. M., in which the rector was assisted by the Rev. J. C. White, D. D., rector of St. Andrew's Church. Interred in Allegheny Cemetery. A devout and faithful Christian woman.

April 30, 1895:

Elizabeth H. Harrison, widow of William R. Harrison, of Meadville, and second daughter of Benjamin Bennett; born in Bellefonte, Pa., August 28, 1823; married in 1841; died at the residence of her sister, the late Sarah Shaw Boggs, Boggs avenue, Pittsburgh, Sunday April 28, 1895, in the seventy-second year of her age. Funeral service at the house by the rector, Tuesday, April 30, at 8 P. M.; interment at Meadville, Wednesday, May 1, the Rev. Messrs. Bylesby and Kirkus officiating.

June 29, 1895:

Mrs. Margaret Jane Woods, wife of Robert A. Woods, born in Ireland; came to Pittsburgh in 1892, and lived on Plymouth street, Duquesne Heights; died of typhoid fever at the Homeopathic Hospital on June 28th, in the thirty-seventh year of her age. Buried in the South Side Cemetery on the 29th, the rector officiating at the house and at the grave. A faithful wife and mother.

July 17, 1895:

Mrs. Elizabeth Goehring, widow of the late Charles Goehring, of Pittsburgh, *nee* Adlington, born in New Orleans, La.; came to Pittsburgh when three years old, where the rest of her life was spent. She was raised a Lutheran, but in 1873 she and three of her daughters were confirmed in Grace Church by Bishop Kerfoot, and became regular communicants. She was living at that time on Grandview avenue near Stanwix street. She died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Cyrus M. Robinson, on Bailey avenue, on Tuesday, July 16, in the seventy-seventh year of her age. Funeral service at 8 P. M., the 17th, the rector, Rev. R. J. Coster, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Jennings, a Presbyterian clergyman, and long an intimate friend of the family. The body was cremated by direction of the deceased, and the ashes buried in Allegheny Cemetery beside the remains of her late husband. She was a patient, devout woman,

who endured many reverses and privations. May she rest in peace.

July 31, 1895:

George E. Reed, son of Samuel G. Reed and the late Ruth Reed; died of consumption on Monday, July 29th, at the home of his father, Boggs avenue, in the twentieth year of his age. Buried in the Brownsville Cemetery, Fayette County, Pa., Wednesday, July 31, the rector, Rev. R. J. Coster, officiating both at the house and at the cemetery, Brownsville, a number of the deceased's Sunday School friends acting as pall-bearers.

October 10, 1895:

Margaret Torrence Burrell, wife of Henry M. Burrell and daughter of Mrs. Mary E. Torrence, of Stanwix street, died at her home, Sycamore street, near Shiloh, Thirty-second Ward, on Tuesday, October 8th, in the thirty-fifth year of her age; buried in Concord Cemetery, October 10th, the Rev. R. J. Coster officiating at the house and at the grave. During the service at the house, Herman Heisler, a member of Grace Church choir, sang the Hymns "Jesus, lover of my soul," and "Rock of Ages, cleft for me."

July 7, 1896:

Mrs. Matilda C. Verner, *nee* McClurg, wife of the late Melchior Verner, of Carson and Thirty-third streets, South Side. She was born at the McClurg homestead, Whitehall, Allegheny County; was married by the Rev. Dr. Killikelly, in Grace Church, Mount Washington, April 14, 1867, and died at her late residence, on South Side, Pittsburgh, on Sunday, July 5, 1896, and buried in a mausoleum at Whitehall, Tuesday, July 7th, beside the remains of her late husband. She was a devout communicant of St. Peter's Church and an exemplary Christian woman.

July 28, 1896:

Oliver H. Stinson, Jr., only child of Robert and Mary Stinson, and nephew of Oliver H. Stinson, Sr., of Bailey avenue, died from the effects of a fall from a tricycle, in his seventh year, and was buried in Uniondale Cemetery.

August 7, 1896:

William Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips, of McClurg avenue, Allegheny, Pa., an invalid for

fifteen years; died in Philadelphia, Tuesday, August 4th, in the forty-third year of his age, and buried August 7th in the Uniondale Cemetery, in the family lot, the Rev. R. J. Coster officiating at the house and at the grave.

October 4, 1896:

Henry Denny Utting, an Englishman by birth and a stonecutter by occupation, died October 2, at his home, on Sweetbrier street, Duquesne Heights, in the thirty-first year of his age; buried Sunday, October 4, in South Side Cemetery, leaving only a wife.

November 15, 1896:

David Lewis, an Englishman, died at his home, Sweetbrier and Sycamore streets, of pneumonia, Friday, November 13th, in the forty-second year of his age, leaving a wife and 7 children; buried in South Side Cemetery November 15th, his fellow-workmen acting as pall-bearers.

November 21, 1896:

James M. Christy, born in Pittsburgh in 1818, died at 1613 Locust street, Pittsburgh, on Thursday, November 19th, and buried Saturday, the 21st, in Allegheny Cemetery, aged 78 years, the Rev. R. J. Coster officiating. A devout churchman, a member of St. Peter's congregation.

December 1, 1896:

Edith Groves, daughter of Samuel and Maria Groves, of Duquesne Heights; buried in South Side Cemetery; aged three years.

December 25, 1896:

William Marks Speer. He and his family became members of Grace Church parish in 1872 and resided on Wyoming street, in the parish, until April 1, 1892, when he moved to Ben Venue Place, East End, where he died Wednesday, December 23d, aged 60 years, and was buried in Allegheny Cemetery December 25, Christmas Day, at 2 P. M. Service at the house and at the grave by the Rev. R. J. Coster.

January 24, 1897:

John Conway Shaler, son of John C. and Sena Shaler and grandson of the late Judge Charles Shaler, of Pittsburgh, born on Duquesne Heights, October 13,

1843; was baptized and confirmed in Grace Church; an active parish worker all his life, as Sunday School teacher and Sunday School superintendent, as vestryman and warden; died Friday, January 22, 1897. Funeral service in Grace Church Sunday, January 24th, at 2 P. M., conducted by the Rev. R. J. Coster, rector, assisted by the Rev. A. D. Brown; buried in Allegheny Cemetery, the following persons acting as pall-bearers: Thomas F. Ashford, Sr., Oliver H. Stinson, George A. Johnson and Harry W. Neely, vestrymen of Grace Church, and A. P. Linhart and William Reitz. An intensely cold day, the snow covering everything. The deceased was a noble, pure, devout servant of God, faithful and untiring in his work for his Master. "Though dead, he yet speaketh."—*Dormiat bene*. (See biographical sketch, page 269.)

February 14, 1897:

Sidney Penton Groves, infant son of Samuel and Maria Groves, of Oneida street, Duquesne Heights, aged 14 months and 17 days; buried in South Side Cemetery.

February 20, 1897:

Rev. Samuel Maxwell, D. D., formerly rector of Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, late of the Diocese of Long Island; buried in Allegheny Cemetery, Pittsburgh, the Rev. R. J. Coster, D. D., officiating at the interment. Dr. Maxwell was an earnest, successful parish priest, doing a noble work for his Master in the thirty years of his ministry.

August 11, 1897:

Margaret Elizabeth Schornagel, aged 19 years and 6 months; buried in South Side Cemetery, the Rev. W. L. H. Benton, assistant minister of Trinity Church, officiating.

October 3, 1897:

Mrs. Mary Thompson, daughter of the late Squire Edward Bratt, of Pittsburgh, long an invalid and for several years confined to the house and tenderly cared for by her daughter Agnes and her sister, Mrs. John C. Shaler, died at her home, the Bratt residence, Wyoming street, Friday, October 1, and buried in

Allegheny Cemetery Sunday, October 3, the Rev. R. J. Coster, D. D., officiating at the house and at the grave.

November 10, 1897:

George Frank Slocum; infant son of George F. and Ardella A. Slocum; buried in Allegheny Cemetery; aged 8 months.

January 7, 1898:

George Walford Lowen, son of John Lowen, of West Liberty borough, Allegheny County, Pa.; born on Second avenue, Pittsburgh, August 11, 1861; baptized by the Rev. Dr. Van Dusen, in St. Peter's Church; died at his father's residence January 5 and buried in Chartiers Cemetery January 7, at 4 P. M.

March 26, 1898:

B. Harry Rubie, born in Ireland in 1840; came to Pittsburgh in 1854; died at his home, 407 Liberty avenue, Wednesday, March 23, and buried Saturday, March 26, in the fifty-eighth year of his age. A large number of his friends present at the funeral, chiefly middle-aged men. Mr. Paul Hackie and Miss Annie Smith, with whom he had lived for more than thirty years, were the chief mourners. He was the last of his family; a noble, generous man, much loved for his honesty and sincerity.

November 14, 1898:

Mrs. Maria Lowen Halpin, wife of William Halpin, of Mount Washington and daughter of George T. Lowen, born in England; came to Pittsburgh and married William Halpin and lived on Virginia avenue, Mount Washington, most of her life; was long a communicant and active worker in Grace Church; died at her home, Virginia avenue, Saturday, November 12, and buried in Uniondale Cemetery, Allegheny, Pa., on Monday, November 14, the Rev. R. J. Coster, D. D., officiating. A loveable, peaceful woman, faithful as wife and mother, and exemplary in all her conduct.

January 17, 1899:

Thomas Francis Ashford, Sr., son of Thomas F. and Georgiana Roberts Ashford, born in London, December 14, 1840; came to the United States in 1865; married in Pittsburgh and moved to Mount

Washington in 1883; became a vestryman of Grace Church at Easter, 1889, and continued to serve the parish in that capacity until his death. Died of pneumonia Sunday, January 15, at his home on Bailey avenue, and was buried in Chartiers Cemetery Tuesday, January 17; aged 58 years. Service at Grace Church and at the grave, the Rev. R. J. Coster, D. D., officiating. He was a generous soul, liberal to a fault, and loved by many friends.

March 21, 1899:

Mrs. Elizabeth H. Torrence, wife of David R. Torrence, of Bertha street, died at her home Saturday, March 18, after an illness of two weeks, in the fifty-first year of her age; buried in Concord Cemetery, South Side, Tuesday, the 21st, the rector officiating at the house and at the grave. A faithful wife and mother and a devout, charitable woman.

April 9, 1899:

William Julian Bond, infant son of William L. and Ida B. Bond, Jr., buried in Allegheny Cemetery; aged 8 months.

July 16, 1899:

William Howe, born February 4, 1809, in Bristol, England, where he was raised and learned the trade of coach building; came to America in 1830, and married October 2, 1835, in Toronto, Canada, Elizabeth Denny, from the Isle of Heligoland; moved to Pittsburgh, Pa., and conducted for some years the business of a confectioner on Fifth avenue, where the opera house now stands; later moved to Washington, Pa., and worked at his trade; returned to Pittsburgh in 1877 and made his home on Virginia avenue, Mount Washington, where he ended his days. His wife died in 1887, at the age of 76, and he died July 5, 1899, in his ninety-second year; funeral service at the home of Robert McMillin, his son-in-law, and interment in South Side Cemetery. He came of a vigorous English stock, and kept his faculties to the end. He was noted for his moderation and his integrity; and he died as he lived, full of the hope of immortality, and trusting alone in the merits of Christ, his Saviour.

July 20, 1899:

Annie Higginson, infant daughter of James and Eliza Higginson; buried in Allegheny Cemetery; aged 7 weeks.

August 8, 1899:

John C. Davitt, son of the late John C. and Mrs. Nettie Davitt, of Bellevue, Pa.; baptized in Grace Church by the present rector January 21, 1872, his parents at that time residing on Mount Washington and being members of Grace Church; died suddenly in Chicago, Thursday, August 3d, in his thirty-second year. His remains brought to his mother's home, in Bellevue, Allegheny County, Pa., and interred in the Allegheny Cemetery on August 8th, the Rev. R. J. Coster, D. D., officiating.

September 27, 1899:

Frank Glaze, son of George A. and Emily Glaze, of Bigham street; died of typhoid fever Monday, September 24, at his father's residence, aged 17 years and 3 months; buried Wednesday, September 27, in the South Side Cemetery.

December 21, 1899:

Mrs. Mary Croner, daughter of Mrs. Alfred Marland by her first husband (Smith); moved to Pasadena, Cal., in 1886; came to Pittsburg to visit her friends in July last; died in the Mercy Hospital, Pittsburg, in her forty-fifth year, from an operation performed for the removal of tumor, and buried from the home of her sister, Mrs. John Kinney, Knoxville, South Side, the service being held at 8 P. M. on December 21, and the interment in the South Side Cemetery on the following day, December 22. She was a bright, cheerful woman, devoted to her husband and daughter.

December 28, 1899:

Mrs. Mary MacDonald, wife of Mathew MacDonald, of Oneida street, Duquesne Heights (*nee* Nelson), died December 25 (Christmas Day), at 6:40 P. M., aged 53 years, and was buried in Homewood Cemetery on December 28. She was a member of the Bishop Whitehead Guild of Grace Church, an earnest worker, and a gentle, Christian woman.

April 13, 1900:

William Halpin, born in Dublin, Ireland; spent most of his life in Pittsburg, where he became a successful business man; always an earnest churchman; died at his residence, on Virginia avenue, Thirty-second Ward, Wednesday, April 11, aged 70 years. Service at the house by the rector, and interment in Uniondale Cemetery on April 13, at 4 P. M. (See biographical sketch, page 277.)

June 2, 1900:

Mary Ann Neill, wife of Harry Neill, member of St. Andrew's Church; died at her home, in Cherry Alley near Liberty Avenue, on Thursday, May 31, in the forty-fifth year of her age, and buried June 2 in Allegheny Cemetery, the Rev. R. J. Coster, D. D., officiating.

July 28, 1900:

Mrs. Emily James Glaize, wife of George Alfred Glaize and daughter of Harry James, Sr., died July 26, at her home, West Elizabeth (to which place the family moved from Bigham street, Mount Washington, a year ago), aged 40 years; buried in South Side Cemetery, the rector, Rev. R. J. Coster, D. D., officiating. A faithful and devoted woman.

September 6, 1900:

Edith Stevens, infant daughter of Isaiah and Eva Stevens, of Duquesne Heights; buried in South Side Cemetery; aged 2 months.

January 12, 1901:

Harriett Ruth Reed, daughter and last child of Samuel G. Reed, of Boggs avenue; died of typhoid fever at the Homeopathic Hospital, Wednesday, January 9, in the twenty-third year of her age. Funeral service at her father's residence, Boggs avenue, Friday, January 11, at 8 P. M., and interment in the cemetery at Brownsville, Pa., on Saturday, January 12, in the presence of about twenty friends who went up with the remains from Pittsburgh, the Rev. R. J. Coster, D. D., officiating both at the house and at the cemetery.

January 20, 1901:

Louise Kemp, died at her home on Duquesne Heights, Wednesday, January 16, in her twenty-first year, and buried in Allegheny Cemetery January 20, the Rev. R. J. Coster, D. D., officiating.

January 23, 1901:

Julian George Maddox, son of Cartwright and Hannah Maddox, born at Deerfield, Ohio; died at the residence of William L. Bond, Sr., Virginia avenue and Oneida street, Monday, January 21, in the sixty-ninth year of his age. Service at the house by the Rev. R. J. Coster, D.D.; buried in Allegheny Cemetery, the ceremonies at the grave conducted by the officers of the Dallas Lodge of the Masonic Fraternity, of which the deceased was a member. A peaceful, faithful, honest man.

July 2, 1901:

Carless Meahl, infant son of Phillip and Rebecca Meahl, died Sunday, June 30, at their home, 404 Dewey street, Knoxville, Pa., aged 13 months and 20 days. Interred in the South Side Cemetery, July 2.

July 27, 1901:

William L. Kenah, born in Ireland August 11, 1823; came to the United States in early manhood, lived for a time in Western Maryland, where he married; came to Pittsburg, where he spent the last twenty-five years of his life, and died at his home, on Big-ham street, Thirty-second Ward, July 25, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. Buried July 27 in Allegheny Cemetery. The rector, in an address at the funeral service, said: "Mr. Kenah was a man peaceful in temper, unobtrusive in manner, retiring in disposition, gentle in act and speech, conscientious in duty, and faithful to every obligation as a Christian and a citizen. He has left behind him the record of a well-spent, pure, upright life. We honor him, therefore, for his worth; and we thank God for the graces that, according to His mercy, adorned the character of His devout servant. *Dormia in pace.*"

September 6, 1901:

Severin John Konstanzer, son of Severin and Kate Konstanzer, born May 21, 1886, drowned while bathing in the Monongahela River, Wednesday, September 4. Service at the residence of his parents, 10 Oneida street, Duquesne Heights, and interment in Allegheny Cemetery on September 6; aged 15 years 3 months and 17 days

October 4, 1901:

Clarence Shaler, son of the late Judge Charles Shaler, of Pittsburgh, and grandson of Major Kirkpatrick. Spent all his life on Mount Washington, where he was born; studied law and served as magistrate of his ward for many years; lived a reserved and retired life; died at his home, 70 Olympia street, October 2, in the eighty-second year of his age, and was buried in Allegheny Cemetery on October 4, the Rev. R. J. Coster, D. D., officiating.

October 29, 1901:

John P. Kinney, son of Alexander and Nancy R. Kinney, born in Allegheny, Pa., in 1849, and lived on Orchard street, Knoxville, Pa.; married Sarah A. Smith, daughter of Mrs. Alfred Marland, September 27, 1877; died in Wadestown, West Virginia, on Sunday, October 27, aged 52 years. His remains were brought to Pittsburgh and the funeral service was held at his late home, and the interment took place October 29 in the Uniondale Cemetery, Allegheny, the Rev. R. J. Coster, D. D., officiating.

November 10, 1901:

Mrs. Lida Ann Robinson, wife of Cyrus M. Robinson and daughter of Capt. Charles Goehring; lived with her father's family a number of years on Grandview avenue, near Stanwix, and after her marriage on Bailey avenue; confirmed December 28, 1873; died in Coraopolis, Friday, November 6. Funeral service at the residence of Henry W. Sellers, Bailey avenue, on Tuesday, November 10, and buried in Allegheny Cemetery, the rector officiating.

April 3, 1902:

Lynn M. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Thompson, of Virginia avenue, died at his father's home, Tuesday, April 1. Funeral service at the house, Wednesday, 8 P. M., and the interment in the Brownsville Cemetery, at Brownsville, Pa., on Thursday, April 3, the rector officiating. A lovely character, gentle and dutiful.

April 8, 1902:

Oliver Halpin Stinson, a vestryman and warden of Grace Church, run over by a traction car, at the foot of Castle Shannon Incline Plane, Saturday,

April 5, about 9:30 P. M.; taken to the South Side Hospital, where he died at 6 o'clock Sunday morning, April 6. Funeral service at his late residence, Bailey avenue, Mount Washington, on Tuesday, April 8, at 1:30 P. M., and the interment at 4 P. M., in Uniondale Cemetery, the rector officiating. A genial, popular man, successful in business and much loved by a wide circle of friends. (See biographical sketch, page 280.)

June 22, 1902:

Henry W. Clark, organist and choir master of Grace Church since Easter, 1899; born in London, England, July 9, 1867; came to Pittsburgh in 1884; died of typhoid fever, at his home on Stanwix street, June 18, aged 35 years. Funeral service in Grace Church Sunday, June 22, at 2 P. M., conducted by the rector, the full choir of the church being present and singing the Hymns "Asleep in Jesus" and "Lead, Kindly Light." The Masons acted as pall-bearers and conducted the ceremonies at the grave. Interment in Uniondale Cemetery. A Christian gentleman, true and noble.

June 25, 1902:

Augusta Eliza Bigham, second daughter of the late Thomas J. and Maria L. Bigham, of Hill Home, Woodville avenue; born January 31, 1857; spent her life at her ancestral home, on Mount Washington. A devout communicant and efficient Sunday School teacher until physical infirmity compelled her to relinquish the work; a clever, quick-witted, sympathetic, Christian woman; loved by children, whom her command of clear, forcible language and her strong, accurate memory enabled her always to entertain. Died at her home June 23, in the forty-fifth year of her age, and buried in Allegheny Cemetery. Eight young men, members of her last Sunday School class, in accordance with her request, bore her remains to their final resting place.

July 17, 1902.

Philip Flinn Ashford, infant son of Thomas F., Jr., and Harriett J. Ashford; buried in Chartiers Cemetery; aged two months.

October 1, 1902:

Arthur Bertram Martin, infant son of Harry and Amy Martin, of Mount Washington; buried in the South Side Cemetery.

December 21, 1902:

Annie Maria Bond, wife of William L. Bond, Sr., of Virginia avenue and Oneida street, Duquesne Heights; born September 1, 1837, died December 18, 1902, aged 65 years. Her whole life was passed in the limits of Grace Church parish, of which she was a member from the time of its organization in 1851. She was many years teacher in the parish Sunday School and later in the Mission School, on Duquesne Heights, where she continued to teach until deafness and failing sight obliged her to give up. She was long an active worker in the Mite Society, and later for several years a member and also secretary of the Bishop Whitehead Guild of Duquesne Heights, an auxiliary society of Grace Church parish. The last six months of her life she passed in total blindness and great physical weakness, suffering at times intense pain; but under it all she was patient and resigned, expressing the greatest confidence in God's mercy and goodness. She was a devout communicant, a faithful wife and mother, a consistent Christian woman—truly a mother in Israel. The funeral service was held in Grace Church, and her remains buried in Allegheny Cemetery.

January 5, 1903:

Mary Bruce Zehfuss, daughter of Phillip and Louisa Zehfuss; born December 6, 1894, died January 3, 1903, at the residence of her parents, Kearsage street, near Sycamore, aged 8 years, and buried in South Side Cemetery.

March 18, 1903:

Charles Howard Durham, infant son of Charles H. and Edith S. Durham; born July 3, 1902, died suddenly March 17, aged 8 months and 12 days. Funeral service by the rector, at the residence of his parents, Plymouth street, Duquesne Heights, and the remains interred on the 19th at Rangoes, N. J.

June 25, 1903:

Albert Clarence Martin, son of Albert Martin; drowned in the Monongahela River and buried in the South Side Cemetery.

July 19, 1903:

Emma Bennett, born in Bellefonte, Pa., June 16, 1832; lived some years in Meadville, then, about thirty years ago, she came to Pittsburgh and made her home with her sister, Mrs. Sarah Boggs, of Boggs avenue, until Mrs. Boggs' death, in 1895. She continued to live in her sister's late home, which she inherited, where she died Friday, July 17. The funeral service was held at her late home Sunday, the 19th, the rector officiating, at 5 P. M. The interment took place in Meadville, Monday, July 21, the rector of Christ Church of that city officiating. A gentle, faithful woman; a consistent Christian, loved and trusted by many friends.



MRS. MARIA L. BIGHAM.

MARIA LOUISA BIGHAM,

THE CHIEF FOUNDER OF GRACE CHURCH, MOUNT
WASHINGTON.

Mrs. Maria Louisa Bigham, the daughter of Dr. Joel and Mary Ann Lewis, was born in Pittsburgh, June 8, 1819. Her father, Dr. Joel Lewis, a prominent physician, was born in Christiana, Delaware, where his ancestors, of Welsh extraction, originally settled; moved to Philadelphia, and finally, after graduating at the Medical School of that city, settled in Pittsburgh and married Mary Ann Kirkpatrick, the youngest daughter of Maj. Abraham Kirkpatrick, of the United States Army, whose home was on the Monongahela River near where is now the corner of Water and Short streets. Dr. and Mrs. Lewis were members of old Trinity Church, and here the subject of this sketch was baptized in infancy, and reared under the pastoral care of the Rev. Dr. Hopkins. She was confirmed in the same church by Bishop Onderdonk in 1834.

She was educated in the schools of the Rev. Dr. Lacey and Mr. Twining, two well-known educators of that day, and afterwards spent several years in Philadelphia in the family of her paternal uncle, William D. Lewis, a leading banker of that city, in whose home she enjoyed many social and literary advantages. Returning to Pittsburgh, she was married in Trinity Church, by the Rev. George Upfold, D. D., December 30, 1846, to Thomas J. Bigham, a young attorney at the Pittsburgh bar, just then rising into prominence in the politics of his native State.

Soon after their marriage her husband built a handsome brick residence on Mount Washington, on his wife's property, inherited from the estate of her grandfather, Major Kirkpatrick. They moved up to their new home in 1850, and there, in a beautiful spot, surrounded by the primitive forest, they reared a family of five children, two sons and three daughters,

and passed in peace the rest of their days. Mrs. Bigham had an ardent attachment to her Hill Home. She loved the stately trees and the beautiful wild flowers which grow in great profusion in the woods, and nothing distressed her more than injury to her trees or wanton destruction of the flowers by chance passers through the grounds. Soon as she was settled in her new home she began to form plans for the religious benefit of the neighborhood, and it was chiefly through the efforts and influence of herself and her husband that Grace Church congregation was formed and the present church building erected. Mrs. Bigham was all her life a very active church-worker. She taught in the Sunday School for many years; she played the organ and directed the singing for a time after the church was built, and always took a leading part in the plans adopted for the support and improvement of the church.

Here we may mention a pleasing and somewhat unusual incident in the life of Mr. and Mrs. Bigham, in which the rector was called upon to take part. Sunday, December 30, 1883, was the thirty-seventh anniversary of their marriage, and they were desirous of publicly marking the day by special thanksgiving; so, at morning prayer, immediately after the second lesson, the rector having stated that they desired the congregation to unite with them in thanksgivings to God for His mercies to them during the past thirty-seven years of their married life, and in invoking His special blessing for their remaining days, Mr. and Mrs. Bigham went up and knelt at the chancel rail. The Lord's Prayer was said, followed by the Collects for the fourth Sunday after Trinity and the fourth Sunday after Easter, a special thanksgiving and other selected prayers. The rector then closed with the prayer and blessing from the Marriage Office. The mind shot quickly back to the time, thirty-seven years before, when these same words were first said over this man and this woman. Each called up in memory the hopes and the fears, the successes and the disappointments that had marked these slow gliding years, and noted the unmistakable traces which they had left upon the now aged couple. In place of the bloom and buoyancy of youth with which they had stood before the altar of Trinity Church to

receive this blessing there were now present all the signs of age. The hair was white, the cheeks pale, and the step faltering. All felt, however, for these reasons, a more tender sympathy for man and wife going on thus faithfully together, trusting in Him who had safely brought them through all these years, and firmly hoping that the God of their fathers would be with them to the end; therefore, when that blessing was again pronounced, there went up from the hearts of all present a most fervent "Amen!"

This was their last marriage anniversary together. About ten months later Mr. Bigham was called to rest, and Mrs. Bigham passed her remaining years in her Hill Home, where her sorrow and loneliness were relieved by the devoted attentions of her son and her two daughters. She was still the same cheerful, hopeful woman, devoted to her children, loving her wood-embowered home, and relying peacefully upon the mercy and goodness of God.

She lived four years after the departure of her husband, and died Sunday, October 14, 1888, in the seventieth year of her age.

Her remains were buried in Allegheny Cemetery beside those of her husband.

Mrs. Bigham was a woman of strong character, full of energy and firm of purpose. She inherited from her parents a fine physique and the instincts and traits of a well-bred lady. She was quiet and gentle in speech; had great grace and dignity of manner, and possessed rare intelligence and a highly cultivated mind.

She was an earnest and devout churchwoman, as much from choice and conviction as from inheritance and education. She was a regular and faithful attendant upon public worship, and found in the church ministrations comfort and help in all times of trial and sorrow.

"For her we need not mourn. 'Tis we who stand
In need of pity for our greivous loss.
We miss the loving heart, the helping hand,
The faith that gloried in her Savior's cross.

"Among the blessed ones she finds her home,
And converse holds with angels face to face;
And when they worship 'neath heaven's arching dome,
With native courtesy she takes her place."

In the address made at her funeral the rector said: * * *

"Our departed sister had nearly filled out her three score years and ten, and retained in remarkable vigor up to her last illness all the powers of mind and body. Her interest in life and her activity in its duties continued to the last, and when stricken down her mind was full of plans for the furtherance of schemes of religious and benevolent work, in which she always took a deep interest. I knew her intimately for twenty years, and during these years saw much of her life, and knew much of her hopes and wishes. She gave me unreservedly her confidence as her pastor, and her affection as a friend; and I found in her family much of the encouragement and help which a pastor so greatly needs. I feel, therefore, that not only has our parish lost an active, earnest worker, but that I and all of us have lost a kind and sympathetic friend. * * *

She valued very highly her privileges as a member of the Church. From her birth she had been accustomed to the use of its beautiful liturgy and reverent worship, and as years went by she learned to love and value these the more and in them to find her greatest spiritual help. Her high estimate of membership in Christ's Church was shown in regular attendance upon public worship. You know how rarely she was absent, how constantly she came to the Holy Communion, how devout and earnest she was in the service, and how strictly in voice and manner she performed her part of the worship, acting throughout as if she felt that *here* she was in God's presence, and that her only duty here was to honor His name and Word. Reared and nurtured in the Church, she never knew any other spiritual guidance but that which it supplied, and she found all her needs satisfied in its ministrations. She accepted in simple faith the great truths of Redemption as presented by the Church. Knowing that she was the child of God by baptism, and trusting for salvation through the merits of Christ, she calmly relied upon God's promises and submitted patiently to His will. As the years went by and sorrows and disappointments came to her,

they seemed to soften and deepen the spiritual side of her nature and to strengthen her faith in God's promises to His children. * * *

"I believe that God rewarded her faith with a comforting sense of His goodness that does not come to us all. She died as she lived, trusting in her Savior, and we can therefore lay her to rest with the hope that God will have her safe in His blessed keeping.

"Let us, then, Beloved, honor her memory and emulate her example. Let us thank God for her simple faith in His Word and her lifelong devotion to His service.

"May a large measure of her devout spirit fall upon us all, and may God raise up here among us many to serve Him in like earnestness. * * * 'Be faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.' "

THE MEMBERS OF THE FIRST VESTRY OF GRACE CHURCH, 1851.

Thomas J. Bigham.	George T. Lowen.
A. Kirk Lewis.	Andrew Rowland.
William Adams.	Benjamin White.
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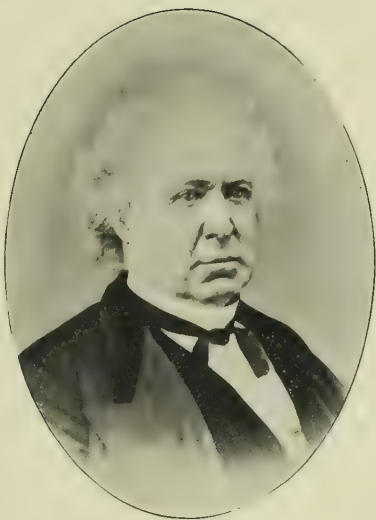
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HON. THOMAS JAMES BIGHAM.

Thomas James Bigham, son of Thomas and Sarah Christy Bigham, was born in Westmoreland County, February 12, 1810, at the home of his grandfather, James Christy. His father having died before he was born, and his mother a few months after his birth, he was brought up by his grandparents, who were Presbyterian Seceders, or Covenanters, of the strictest kind. He was educated at Jefferson College, Cannonsburg, where he was graduated in 1834. On leaving college he entered upon the study of law, and became a practitioner in the Allegheny County courts.

He married Maria Louisa Lewis, daughter of Dr. Joel Lewis and Mary Ann Lewis, the youngest daughter of Maj. Abraham Kirkpatrick, in Trinity Church, December 30, 1846. His wife was born in Pittsburgh, June 8, 1819, and was raised in the Episcopal Church, her parents being members of Trinity Church. In 1849, as he says in his sketch of the early history of Grace Church, Mr. Bigham moved with his family to Mount Washington, and he and his wife at once took steps to organize a Sunday School and church for the people of the vicinity; and this was the beginning of Grace Church. Mr. Bigham was confirmed by Bishop Alonza Potter, in Grace Church, September 14, 1854, and became and thereafter continued to be a regular communicant to the end of his days.

Mr. Bigham was prominent in the political affairs of his State, even more than he was as a lawyer. He was a member of the State Senate several terms, and afterwards held the position of State Statistician, and gathered much valuable information concerning the industrial interests of Pennsylvania.



HON. THOMAS J. BIGGAM.

He was a member of the first vestry of Grace Church, elected at the organization of the parish in 1851, which position he held continuously (except for a short period of absence from the parish) until his death. He was for many years the senior warden, and frequently acted as lay reader in maintaining the services during vacancies in the rectorship of the parish. He often represented the parish in the Diocesan Convention, of which body his legal attainments made him a valuable member. He died November 9, 1884, having reached the ripe age of 74. He was buried from Trinity Church November 11, and was laid to rest in Allegheny Cemetery.

Mr. Bigham was one of the most widely known citizens of Pittsburgh. For many years he was a leader in political matters, and his speeches, his voice, and his presence all combined to render him prominent among the men of his day.

In the address made at his funeral his pastor and friend, Rev. R. J. Coster, spoke as follows: * * *

"The close of a noble life has brought us together here today. An aged servant of God, full of years, has gone to his rest, and we are here to honor his memory. For many years he has been prominent in the affairs of our city and State, and an active worker in the Church which he adopted from choice and loved and revered from conviction. Honored for his integrity, respected for his ability, and admired for his noble traits of character, he has ended a long and useful life, and now sleeps in peace. His life record is before you. * * * Standing prominent among the leading men of our city for so many years, he was a man well known amongst us. His public life is a part of the history of our city and State. As a learned lawyer and a wise legislator he was better known to most of you than he was to me. Justice will be done to his memory in these respects by others better fitted than I am to speak of his public career. But if you will bear with me a few moments I will speak a word or two of him as the earnest churchman and the Christian gentleman. It has been my privilege to be intimately associated with him for sixteen years as his pastor, and one of the greatest pleasures of my ministry has been that of intercourse, in the retire-

ment of his home, with a mind and character such as he possessed.

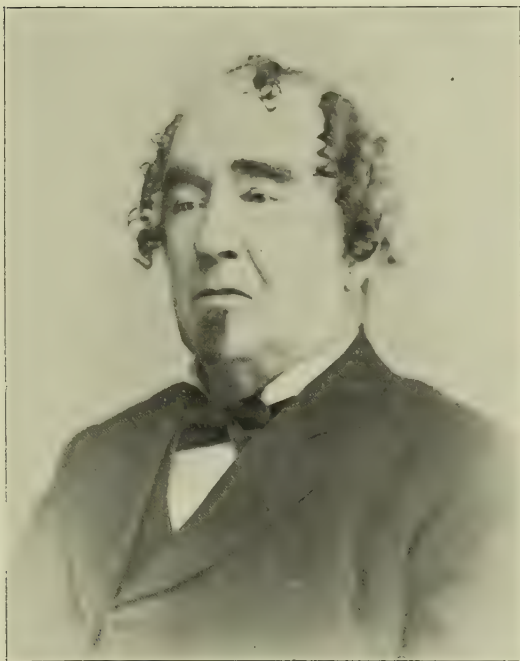
"Always affable and courteous, one could not be long with him without feeling the sincerity and nobleness of the man, while his stores of learning and his wonderful memory, combined with his simple and unpretentious manner, gave a charm to his conversation that is rarely equaled. * * *

"As a churchman he was zealous and faithful, giving liberally of his means and his time for the interests of the Church. His face and his voice were long familiar in our Diocesan Convention, where he took an active part in its legislation. He served his Church for many years as a vestryman and warden, and as long as his duties and his health permitted he was a regular and efficient Sunday School teacher and superintendent. It is rarely that men in his profession, burdened with public duties, think that they can find time for Sunday School work. All honor, then, to those who, like our departed friend, can find it in their hearts to make sacrifices of time and labor for the furtherance of the Gospel.

"There is one special trait of our friend's character which I desire particularly to mention, namely, his simple, child-like faith. Whatever gifts he had, and you know they were not a few, he seemed to lay them all at the feet of Christ, and to say, like Samuel 'Speak Lord, for Thy servant heareth.' I long for the firm grasp of the promises of God and the unfailing trust in His mercy that this venerable man had. Nothing doubting, nothing questioning, he accepted the ministrations of the Church in their fullness and rested completely in the promises of God made to his faithful children in His Church. Always in his place at public worship, and regular in his attendance at Holy Communion, he showed to the world that his faith was indeed real and that he was a true servant of his Divine Master."

GEORGE THOMAS LOWEN.

George Thomas Terendo Wells Lowen, commonly called George, descended from that hardy race of seamen to whom England owes her naval supremacy, was born in Middlesex, Southgate, Kent, England, on November 20, 1809. He married Mary Cook (born in Margate, Kent, England, on April 26, 1807),



GEORGE T. LOWEN.

in her native place, April 6, 1828. Six years later he left England for the United States, having set sail from St. Catherine's Docks, London, on September 14, 1834, in the ship Allegheny, commanded by Captain Michells, and landed, with his wife and five children, in Philadelphia on November 11 of the same year. After spending one week in Philadelphia, he started for Pittsburgh in a stage coach, and completed the rough journey in three days and three nights. He spent two years farming down at Beaver, and then came to Pittsburgh and made his home at the corner of Fifth avenue and Washington street. The Pittsburgh Gas Works had just been completed at that time, and Mr. Lowen was engaged by the company to do gas fitting, and managed the first gas-fitting establishment set up in Pittsburgh. A few years later the gas company sold out the gas-fitting department, and appointed Mr. Lowen gas inspector, which position he held until 1875, when he became so afflicted with rheumatism that he was forced to retire, after spending forty years in the employ of the gas company.

On his retiring the gas company presented to him the sum of \$1,000 as a token of their appreciation of his integrity and faithfulness during so many years of service.

Mr. Lowen became a citizen of the United States, by naturalization, October 12, 1840.

After the great fire in 1845 he sold his property at Fifth avenue and Washington street and moved to Mount Washington and located on Virginia street, corner of Railroad. Here the family resided for about eight years, and in 1854 he moved to a farm in Union Township, back of Mount Washington, where he ended his days. After retiring from the gas works he devoted his attention to the management of his farm. He lived here in comfort and contentment, surrounded by his children. He raised a large family of sons and daughters, and has many decendants living in and near Pittsburgh. He was elected a member of the first vestry of Grace Church on the organization of the parish in 1851, and continued to hold that office for several years.

He died February 12, 1885, in his seventy-sixth year, trusted and respected by all who knew him.

ABRAHAM KIRKPATRICK LEWIS.

A. Kirk. Lewis, son of Dr. Joel Lewis, the first graduate of medicine who practiced in Pittsburgh, and Mary Ann Kirkpatrick, youngest daughter of Maj. Abraham Kirkpatrick, also of Pittsburgh, was born in Pittsburgh August 24, 1815. He was baptized and confirmed in Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, of which church his father and mother were members.

He was educated at Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, and graduated about 1836. After devoting a short time to the study of medicine, he abandoned that as a profession and took up the study of law. He was admitted to the Pittsburgh bar, where he practiced for a number of years. In the latter part of his life he devoted much time and attention to the developement of the coal deposits underlying the homestead property of the Kirkpatrick family on Mount Washington.

Mr. Lewis was exceptionally well informed in Church doctrines and literature, and was an earnest, devout churchman. During his whole life he took a very active part in Church work. He was one of the founders of Grace Church, and was elected a member of the first vestry of that church on the organization of the parish in 1851, and held that position continuously for a number of years. He was secretary of the vestry, and all the earlier records of the parish are in his handwriting. He served also for a number of years as vestryman of Trinity Church, the mother church of Pittsburgh.

His wife, Mary Orth, of Steubenville, to whom he was married April 16, 1846, died December 18, 1853, leaving four children, the youngest of whom died April 13, 1861. A son and two daughters are still living.

Mr. Lewis was a man of unfaltering principles, of manly spirit, of refined and cultivated tastes, and noble, generous disposition. He possessed the chivalry of his grandfather, Major Kirkpatrick, and the high culture of his father, Dr. Joel Lewis. He died in Pittsburgh, at his home on Mount Washington, November 10, 1860, highly respected by a wide circle of devoted friends, and was buried in Allegheny Cemetery.



ABRAHAM KIRKPATRICK LEWIS.



SQUIRE EDWARD BRATT.

MEMBERS OF THE VESTRY OF 1869, AT THE TIME OF THE CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH.

Edward Bratt, senior warden; John C. Shaler, junior warden; Samuel H. Harper, treasurer; Thomas J. Bigham, William L. Bond, John S. McMillin, William Halpin.

EDWARD BRATT, SENIOR WARDEN, VESTRYMAN AND
TREASURER OF GRACE CHURCH.

Edward Bratt, born November, 1805, in West Bromish, near Dudley Castle, England, was descended from an old family of skilled iron workers. He learned in his native place his father's trade of iron refiner, and early became a very skillful workman. He married Jane Richards, daughter, of Benjamin Richards, of Wolverhampton, England, in October, 1827, in the parish church of West Bromish.

He left England in 1830, with his family, then consisting of his wife and two children, James and Mary, and sailed for America, landing in New York — —, after a stormy voyage of six weeks. He first settled in Boonton, New Jersey, where he worked at his trade of iron refiner in the iron mills of that place. After seven years spent in Boonton, he moved to Pittsburgh, in 1837, already at that time an important center of the iron industry, and worked at his trade in the Kensington Mills. In 1843 he formed a co-operative partnership with Messrs. Fuller, Cooper and Dangerfield, and with them established an iron manufactory in Franklin, Venango County, Pa., to which place he moved with his family and spent three years. The business, owing to the difficulty of transporting their products to market, was not satisfactorily successful, and in 1846 the company sold their works to Henry B. Coulter, of Pittsburgh, and Mr. Bratt returned to Pittsburgh and resumed his trade in the Kensington Mills, living meantime at the corner of Third avenue and Grant street.

In 1858 he purchased a large piece of ground on Mount Washington, at the corner of Wyoming and Virginia streets, and, having built himself a com-

fortable home on this ground, moved his family up on the Fourth of July of that year. Here he spent the remainder of his life, known and respected by all the residents of the Hill district. He raised a family of seven children, three sons and four daughters. Two of his sons became physicians, and a third served in the Army of the West through the War of the Rebellion, and after participating in several engagements was severely wounded at the battle of Murfreesboro.

Mr. Bratt was justice of the peace for more than twenty years in the borough of Mount Washington, afterwards the Thirty-second Ward, and was familiarly known as Squire Bratt. His official character was unblemished and his integrity without reproach.

He was confirmed by Bishop Kerfoot in Grace Church, July 18, 1869, along with his daughter Nellie, and at once became a devout and consistent communicant. He was elected a vestryman in 1868, and continued to hold that office until his death. He was also made treasurer of the vestry at Easter, 1872, which position he held for twelve years, and was relieved of his trust then only on his own urgent solicitation, because the infirmities of age made him desire to be relieved of responsibility.

Mr. Bratt met with an accident in his trade by which he lost his right leg below the knee. This loss, though in part remedied by the use of an artificial limb, much hindered his getting about; and yet his punctuality in keeping engagements and his regularity in attending public worship were remarkable, and showed what determination of purpose and conscientiousness of life can accomplish, even when one is hindered by the feebleness of age and impeded by the loss of a limb. He lost his faithful wife on the 5th of February, 1884, after they had lived together fifty-seven years. Life now seemed to him a different thing without the companionship of her who all these years had been his helper and counselor; and though he complained not, yet he felt keenly the unwonted loneliness. The devotion and attention of his daughters soothed his bereavement and mitigated his loneliness. In the following year his end came. He died October 30, 1885, and was buried in Allegheny Cemetery on All Saints' Day, November 1.



JOHN CONWAY SHALER, JR.

In the address made at the church during the funeral service the rector ended by saying:

"Our departed friend lived beyond the allotted time of man, having filled out four-score years, and, loved and respected by all who knew him, ripe in the Christian graces of humility and faith, and full of the hope for that better life which awaits the people of God, has gone to his rest in peace. Long have we had before us his quiet, gentle, unassuming life; long have we known his truthfulness, his faithfulness, his uprightness. In all the duties of life he was conscientious and truthful. As a husband and father he was kind and affectionate; as a friend and neighbor he was generous and charitable; as a citizen and churchman reliable and faithful. * * *

"He was abstemious in all his habits and temperate in manner and speech. The marked traits of his character, I should say, were truthfulness, honesty and gentleness, Christian graces of the highest order. You felt these characteristics of the man in all your intercourse with him. * * * In his religious duties his fidelity and consistency were very marked. Notwithstanding the fact that he walked with difficulty, his seat was rarely ever vacant in the church at the time of public worship. Sitting there, just below me, I could not but observe that he was ever a devout and attentive worshiper. His responses were steady and hearty, and he attentively followed the lessons with his Bible open before him. He steadily went on in his quiet, devout manner, doing what he could, less by speech than by manner and action, to aid the Church that he loved and to give honor to his Divine Master. He has now finished his course and gone to his rest in the faith of his forefathers, and in the ripeness of a contented and peaceful old age. Thank God, then, brethren, for the devout life, the good example of His faithful servant, and honor his memory and emulate his virtues."

JOHN CONWAY SHALER, JR., JUNIOR WARDEN, 1869:

John Conway Shaler, Jr., only son of John C. and Sena Shaler, was born October 13, 1843, on his father's farm on Coal Hill, South Side, in that part of the Hill now known as Duquesne Heights, in the Thirty-fifth Ward of Pittsburgh. He was a grandson of the late

Judge Charles Shaler, of Pittsburgh, and a great-grandson of Maj. Abraham Kirkpatrick, from whom his family inherited the land on which he resided until his death. Up to his eighteenth year his life was that of the average boy raised on a farm. He received the elementary part of his education at a country school in the neighborhood of his home, and afterwards had the benefit of a two-years' course of study in the select school kept by the Rev. Richard S. Smith in the old Sunday School room of Trinity Church, Sixth avenue, Pittsburgh.

He was baptized in Grace Church, by the Rev. J. S. Hodges, on September 28, 1856, and confirmed in the same place, by the Rt. Rev. William Bacon Stevens, Bishop of Pennsylvania, on August 1, 1862.

Soon after his confirmation in 1862, when nearly nineteen years of age, he enlisted in Hampton's Battery, of Pittsburgh, a light artillery company, which gained high distinction for gallantry in the War of the Rebellion. He served with this battery continuously from the time of his enlistment until the close of hostilities in April, 1865.

After leaving the army he entered into mercantile pursuits in Pittsburgh, and also in Cincinnati and St. Louis, for the most part in the employ of others, though for ten years he conducted a glassware business in his own name. He married November 4, 1869, Nellie Ruth Bratt, youngest daughter of the late Edward and Jane Bratt, of Wyoming street, and has three sons, two of whom were baptized and all of whom have been confirmed in Grace Church. Mr. Shaler was closely identified with Grace Church almost from its organization—first as a Sunday School scholar, then as librarian of the Sunday School, then a teacher in the same, and then for many years he was superintendent of the Sunday School. He was a vestryman of Grace Church for a number of years, acting frequently as secretary of the vestry and warden of the church. He was several times a deputy to the Diocesan Convention, and often acted as lay reader. He represented his ward (the 35th) in the city council and for a number of years was a member of the Board of School Directors. His life, it may be seen, therefore, was a very active and useful one, both as a churchman and as a citizen.



WILLIAM L. BOND, SR.

In the midst of his usefulness, and while planning for the promoting of the Church's interests, he was unexpectedly called away. Sunday, January 17, 1897, he was at church both in the morning and in the evening, and after the evening service he walked with the rector to the Mount Washington Incline Plane, where he stood a short time with the rector talking over some matters of church work which gave him anxiety. The air was keen and rain was beginning to fall. They parted and Mr. Shaler walked hurriedly to his home on Duquesne Heights, getting quite wet and heated in his walk. The next day, Monday, he was ill, and on Friday, almost before his friends knew of his illness, he died. He was buried from Grace Church on Sunday afternoon, the 24th inst., the rector officiating, assisted by the Rev. A. D. Brown. Grace Church has lost no other member whose death left such a gap in all its parochial activities. The rector, the vestry, the Sunday School, all missed his inspiring presence, and knew not who would take his place. All still miss him (1903) and remember with devout thankfulness his beautiful and useful life. He was a noble, pure, devout servant of God, faithful and untiring in his work for the Blessed Master. It is a glory to the Church to carry upon its records the name of such a worthy, true man. Though dead, his work and his example still speak for his Master. "May I die the death of the righteous, and may my end be like his."

WILLIAM LUKE BOND.

William Luke Bond, son of Joseph and Sarah Bond, was born in the city of Gloucester, England, June 18, 1830. His father was a nurseryman and florist, and he adopted his father's business. He was baptized in St. Michael's Church, Gloucester, by the Rev. Charles Hardwick, who was for forty years rector of St. Michael's, of which church his father, Joseph Bond, was for many years senior warden, and was holding the position when he died. He and three hundred others from the different churches of the city were confirmed on the same day, by Bishop Monk, in Gloucester Cathedral.

He came to the United States in 1848 and went first with A. J. Downing to Washington, D. C., to assist in improving the Capitol grounds, and then came to Pittsburgh in 1853 and engaged with A. Kirk Lewis in the gardening and greenhouse business, on Mount Washington, and made his home on Virginia avenue near Oneida street, now Thirty-second Ward of Pittsburgh.

He married Annie M. Golding, December 27, 1860, in St. Mark's Church, South Side, the Rev. Jubal Hodges officiating. He was a member of the vestry at the time of the consecration of Grace Church, in 1869, and continued to hold this position for a number of years. He has five sons, all baptized and members of Grace Church.

CAPT. JOHN SMITH McMILLIN.

John Smith McMillin, son of William and Catherine Smith McMillin, Scotch-Irish Covenanters, who settled in Beaver County at the close of the last century, was born July 23, 1817, in Georgetown, Beaver County, Pa., where he spent his youth and received a common school education. He was the fourth child of a family of thirteen children. When fifteen years old he engaged in keel-boating on the Ohio River; he next became a pilot on a steamboat, and soon, by quickness and attention to business, he became a captain and was master and owner of several fine boats, and ran regularly to Memphis, New Orleans and all points on the Lower Mississippi River. During the Civil War he won for himself high reputation for bravery by fearlessly running the blockade at Vicksburg in his boat, the *Silver Wave*, and carrying supplies to the army below the city. He invented and put into successful use the well-known steam capstan, now a necessary part of the equipment of every river steamboat.

In April, 1853, he moved to Pittsburgh and built a home on Grandview avenue, corner of Bigham street, Mount Washington, where he continued to reside until his death.

He was married twice. His first wife was Phebe Ann Fry, daughter of Dr. Thomas Fry, of Rhode Island, who moved with his family to Georgetown. They were married in Georgetown in December, 1846,



CAPT. JOHN S. McMILLIN.

and Mrs. McMillin died in Pittsburgh July 8, 1866, leaving no children. His second wife, Mary Bindley, eldest daughter of John C. and Elmina Bindley, of Pittsburgh, he married August 7, 1867. She and three children, one daughter and two sons, survive him. He was baptized by Dr. Killikelly, in Grace Church, July 10, 1866, at the funeral of his first wife, beside the remains, and was confirmed by Bishop Kerfoot in St. Peter's Church, Pittsburgh, April 14, 1867. He was a vestryman of Grace Church nearly thirty years; was several times senior warden; six years treasurer of the church, and was frequently deputy of the same church to the Annual Convention of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He was a liberal contributor to the expense of putting a basement school-room under the church in 1865, and also to the fund for finishing and furnishing the church in 1869. He was a contributor to the support of the church from the time he moved to Mount Washington and a communicant of the same for twenty-six years. He died March 11, 1893, in the seventy-sixth year of his age.

The circumstances of his death were peculiar. On Saturday morning, March 11, 1893, he started as usual for his place of business in the city, the Bindley Hardware Company. Near his gate he met Miss Elizabeth Kenah, and they walked on together, the Captain being, as he often was, in a joking, playful mood. They were proceeding along Grandview avenue going toward the Monongahela Incline Plane, and had just crossed Stanwix street, when he threw his left hand up to his head with an exclamation of sudden pain, tottered, and laid hold of the fence at the side of the street, sank down to the ground and in a few moments (before a physician could reach him) was dead.

The funeral service was held at his late residence on Tuesday, March 14, 1893, at 2 P. M., in the presence of a large gathering of his relations and friends, and he was buried the same afternoon in Allegheny Cemetery. He was a well-known man, of strong character, noted for his simplicity, honesty and sincerity.

The Rev. R. J. Coster, in an address at his funeral, said:

"God's providences sometimes touch our hearts with peculiar force and stir our feelings to their lowest depths. Their suddenness and their pathetic surroundings point to God's immediate presence and tell us that they are the work of His Hand. We cannot read the secret counsels of the Almighty; but this we know, His ways are wise and merciful. He doeth all things well. His infinite wisdom precludes mistakes. In faith, therefore, we bow to His Blessed Will, believing that His ordering is best. In times of sudden bereavement, like this, the promises of God's Holy Word come to give us resignation and comfort. The Church of Christ, the mother of all the believing, comes to us with her sacred ministrations; her lessons and her prayers speak to us in Christ's name and bid us fear not, faint not. * * *

"These thoughts harmonize well with the occasion that brings us together here today. Our friend and fellow-servant of God, to whom His Master granted more than his three-score years and ten, has been suddenly taken from our midst. So unexpected was the summons that we can hardly yet realize that we shall no more meet him in his home; no more meet him in the church. * * * We have been so long accustomed to see his tall form and his striking features, so long accustomed to see his kindly smile and to hear cordial welcome, that we shall sadly miss him many days. We had learned to look upon him almost as a permanent part of this community. For forty years he had occupied this home and identified himself with the interests of this section of the city. Most or all of those years he has been closely connected with Grace Church. For nearly thirty years he was one of its vestrymen; he was several times senior warden, for many years treasurer, and frequently he represented his parish in the Diocesan Convention. All these years he and his family have been members of Grace Church, and often have they come to its aid in times of need. Some of you have known our departed friend longer than I have, but for nearly twenty-five years I have enjoyed his friendship and confidence. His home was always open to me, and here I always met a kindly greeting and a



MAJOR SAMUEL HARPER.

cordial welcome. I constantly met him on terms of closest intimacy, and this intimacy only increased my confidence and respect for the man. As one learned to know him well, and to understand his ways and modes of expression, one could not fail to appreciate the sterling traits of his character, his simplicity, his honesty, his sincerity. Like every man of strong character, he had his peculiarities, and these peculiarities caused him sometimes to be misunderstood by those who imperfectly knew him. But to his intimate friends these peculiarities only intensified his personality and made him the man that they love to honor and remember. His sudden departure while still busy with his ordinary duties, the tragic termination of his active life, will tend to prolong his memory and to deepen the keenness of our sense of loss. But let us not sorrow for him as men without hope. He was a believer in Christ. He was a communicant of the Church. He died in the faith; and although he was reserved in the expression of his religious convictions, as most men of a like character are, yet he accepted the great truths of the Gospel and died trusting in his Lord. We can, therefore, lay him to rest believing that God will deal mercifully with him for Christ's sake and give him the rest and peace that shall be the portion of his faithful people."

MAJOR. SAMUEL HARPER.

Samuel Harper was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., August 8, 1837, of Scotch-Irish parentage, and was baptized in infancy by the late Joseph Kerr, D. D., then pastor of the Associate Reformed Church, on Sixth avenue. His father died when he was nine years old, leaving a large family. He was educated in the public schools of Pittsburgh, and when seventeen years old entered the law office of John Hamilton, of Pittsburgh, as a clerk, and soon after was registered as a law student. In December, 1855, he accompanied his preceptor, John Hamilton, to Fort Madison, Iowa, and remained there until the death of Mr. Hamilton, in 1856. He then returned to Pittsburgh and continued the study of law, and in October, 1858, was admitted to practice in the courts of Allegheny County.

He married July 17, 1860, Helen Whittier, daughter of Isaac and Adeline M. Whittier, of Grandview avenue, Mount Washington. He now became a member of the Episcopal Church, to which his wife and her family belonged, and was confirmed by Bishop Stevens, in St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh, in 1861.

He was thoroughly loyal during our late Civil War (1861-65), and entered the Union Army in August, 1862, and served to the close of the war as an officer in the 139th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers.

In May, 1867, he was appointed Register in Bankruptcy for his Congressional District, and continued to hold this office until his death. He was a vestryman of Grace Church in 1868 and 1869, and it was largely due to his efforts that the church was finished and furnished in the latter year and all the indebtedness paid off, that the church might be consecrated. He held the position of vestryman in Grace Church for a number of years successively, and then on the death of Mr. Isaac Whittier, his father-in-law, succeeded him as a vestryman of St. Andrew's Church, and held that position until his death.

Mr. Harper was a positive man, strong in his convictions and strict in the performance of duty. The bent of early religious instructions influenced his opinions on Church matters to the end, and prevented him from being in full sympathy with the doctrinal position and teachings of his adopted Church as expounded by such sound and learned theologians as Bishops Whittingham and Kerfoot. And yet, while in favor of giving to the laity wide latitude in interpreting the doctrinal standards of the Church, he thought that the clergy should be held in all their teachings and ministrations strictly to the letter and spirit of the rubrics and canons of the Church.

Mr. Harper was very prominent as an officer of the Grand Army of the Republic, and spent much time and labor in fostering the interests and purposes of that patriotic organization. He died May 16, 1889, aged 52 years, greatly respected by a wide circle of friends, leaving a wife and five children, two sons and three daughters.



WILLIAM HALPIN.

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William Halpin, son of William and Mary Halpin, was born in the village of Larganguen, County Louth, Ireland, January 15, 1830. He was baptized in the village church in infancy and was confirmed by Richard Wheatley, Archbishop of Dublin, in St. Peter's Church, Dublin, November 28, 1843, and received his first communion at the same time and place.

When about seventeen years old he emigrated to America, landing in New York June 15, 1847, and arriving in Pittsburgh, his future home, July 3 of the same year.

He was married in Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, by the Rev. T. B. Lyman, D. D., rector, June 18, 1857, to Maria W. Lowen, daughter of George T. and Mary Lowen, of Pittsburgh, and in 1858 moved to Mount Washington and made his home on Virginia street, now Thirty-second Ward, Pittsburgh, where he spent the rest of his life. His business was plumbing and gas fitting, and he was for a number of years a member of the firm of Jarvis & Halpin, and later the head of the firm of Halpin, Kennedy & Co.

He was elected a member of the vestry of Grace Church in 1867, and held the position for more than ten years, acting several times meanwhile as warden and deputy to the Diocesan Convention. He became later a member of St. Peter's, Pittsburgh, and a vestryman of that church.

Mr. Halpin took a very active part in finishing and refurnishing Grace Church in 1869; and in 1875, when the church was newly frescoed and painted, he put in a stained-glass chancel window as a memorial to his father and mother, who lie buried, the one in an unknown grave in Dublin, having died in a cholera epidemic, the other in the sea, having died on the voyage to America.

Mr. Halpin continued to attend St. Peter's Church until 1897, when, feeling somewhat increasing feebleness from age, he left and again began to attend Grace Church. His strength failed rapidly from this time, and on Good Friday, April 11, 1900, he died, in the seventy-first year of his age, outliving his wife

not quite two years. All his life Mr. Halpin was an earnest churchman and regular attendant upon public worship. He could be seen every Sunday morning going to church to take his place among the worshipers. He was, too, a very devout and hearty worshiper, few entering more earnestly into the service of the hour than he did. In this respect his life was truly exemplary, and we of today who are less punctilious in regard to the sacred duty of public worship may take a wholesome lesson from such a life as was that of our departed brother.



ALFRED A. MARLAND.

VESTRY OF 1893.

Alfred Marland, senior warden; Oliver H. Stinson, junior warden; Melville L. Stout, secretary; George A. Johnson, treasurer; Thomas S. Ashford, Sr., John C. Shaler, Orin W. Sadler, M. D.

ALFRED MARLAND, VESTRYMAN AND SENIOR WARDEN
OF GRACE CHURCH.

Alfred Marland, son of George and ——— Marland, was born at Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, England, March 12, 1837, and, according to the records of Ashton Parish Church (St. Michael's), he was baptized on Sunday, April 9, 1837. He was confirmed in the same church September 4, 1852, by the Bishop of Manchester, in whose diocese Ashton-under-Lyne is situated. His name was enrolled on the Sunday School books from early childhood up to the time of his leaving England to take part in the Russo-Turkish war. In 1854 he joined the Osmanli Horse Artillery and served two years in Asiatic Turkey in and around Constantinople. At the close of the war he returned to England, and again joined the Sunday School of his native parish and maintained his connection therewith until he left England, in 1863, to come to the United States. He came to Pittsburgh in 1867, and two years later married Sarah Smith, and, having finally made his home on Mount Washington, he and his family became members of Grace Church. Having learned the trade of machinist and engineer in his native country, he followed this business for some years after coming to Pittsburgh. In 1882 he established the firm of Marland, Neely & Co., for the manufacture of nuts and bolts. He was a member of the city council from the Thirty-second Ward from 1878 to 1888, and was elected a member of the State Legislature in 1889.

He is a churchman by birth and education, and therefore was a regular worshiper at Grace Church from the time of his moving to Mount Washington and locating his home on Southern avenue.

He was first elected a member of the vestry of Grace Church in 1873, and continuously took an active interest in the affairs of the parish, and steadily did what he could to promote its welfare. He has one son and two daughters. In 1897 he moved from the parish to a farm in West Virginia, where at this date (1903) he continues to reside, still keeping his interest in the Church and her work and attending the services whenever an opportunity offers.

OLIVER HALPIN STINSON.

Oliver Halpin Stinson, eldest son of Robert and Ann Stinson, was born in Pittsburgh, March 13, 1858. His parents came from Dublin, Ireland, and settled in Pittsburgh. They were members of the Anglican Church and raised their children in the same faith.

Oliver was baptized in Trinity Church, Pittsburgh, May 14, 1858, by the rector, the Rev. Theodore B. Lyman. He was confirmed in the same church on Easter eve, March 31, 1877, by John Barrett Kerfoot, D. D., first Bishop of Pittsburgh, and received his first communion on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1877, at the hands of the Rev. William A. Hitchcock, then rector of Trinity Church.

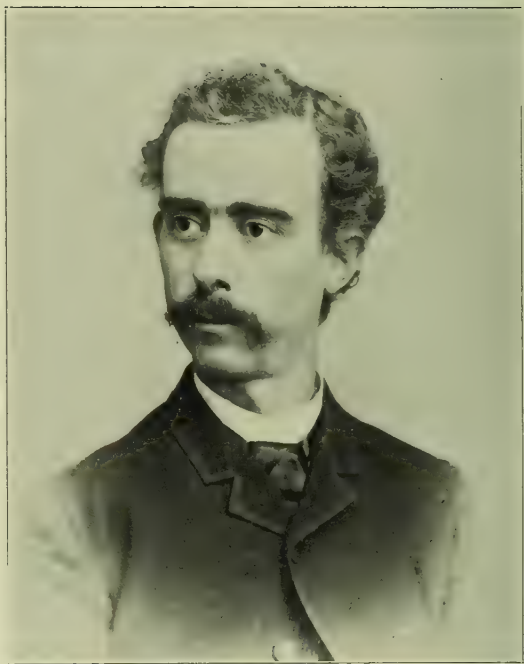
He received his elementary education in the public schools of Pittsburgh, then entered the Western University of Pennsylvania, from which institution he was graduated in June, 1877.

He learned the plumbing and gas-fitting business and became a member of the firm of Halpin, Kennedy & Co. In 18—, he moved to Mount Washington and began to attend the services of Grace Church. At Easter, 1888, he was elected a member of the vestry of Grace Church, and in 1889 he was made junior warden, and held this position at his death. He was married in Grace Church, June 25, 1891, by Bishop Whitehead, to Anna Margaret Hosbach, daughter of John and Margaret E. Hosbach, of Hazelwood, Pittsburgh, and went to live in his new home, on Bailey avenue, Mount Washington, in a beautiful site overlooking the two rivers and the lower part of the city.

Mr. Stinson was a churchman by birth and education; he was a prudent counselor in all Church affairs, and a citizen much respected for his integrity and courtesy.



OLIVER HALPIN STINSON.



MELVILLE L. STOUT.

His sudden, unexpected death was a great shock to his friends. While on his way home Saturday evening, April 5, 1902, he was run over by a street car at the foot of Castle Shannon Incline Plane, and, being taken to the South Side Hospital, died at 6 o'clock the next morning. He was buried from his home, on Bailey avenue, Tuesday, April 8, the rector officiating. He was a genial, popular man, successful in business and much esteemed by a wide circle of friends. Taken away suddenly in the prime of life, with so much before him to make life desirable, he was deeply mourned for by his family and friends. We cannot always understand God's ways, but we know "He doeth all things well."

MELLVILLE L. STOUT.

Mellville L. Stout, son of John and Charlotte (*nee* Dager) Stout, was born at Norristown, Montgomery County, Pa., June 2, 1849. His parents were Methodists, and his early religious instruction was received in that body. His elementary education he received in the public schools of Norristown, and at a later date he had a two years' course of instruction in the high school of the same place. He moved to Pittsburg in the fall of 1869, and became a pupil of Prof. Rohbuck on the organ and piano. On November 6, 1870 (Sunday), he took charge of the organ of Grace Church, and has, with the exception of one or two short intervals, been closely identified with the music of the church ever since.

Soon after he began to play the organ of Grace Church he decided to become a member of the Episcopal Church, and was confirmed by Bishop Kerfoot the Sunday after Christmas, December 28, 1873, and has been a regular communicant ever since. He married April 7, 1885, Mary Jane Bigham, eldest daughter of the late Thomas J. and Maria L. Bigham, of Woodville avenue, Mount Washington. He was elected a member of the vestry in 1893, and is now secretary of that body. Mr. Stout is an expert stenographer, and is engaged as the secretary of a large coal firm of the city. His musical ability and his active interest in all the affairs of the church make him a very useful member of the congregation.

GEORGE ABRAHAM JOHNSON.

George Abraham Johnson, son of George and Sarah Richards Johnson, was born in Newark, N. J., November 19, 1846. His parents were members of the Episcopal Church, and all their children were raised under its guidance and teaching, attending regularly the Sunday School and services.

He received his education in the public schools of Newark, where his boyhood was spent. At the age of sixteen he enlisted in the 26th Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers, and was sent to the front to take part in the War of the Rebellion. He was engaged in the battles of Deep Run, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville, coming out without any serious injury, and was honorably discharged June 27, 1863, the end of the term for which he had enlisted. He returned to his home in Newark, and in March, 1864, he moved thence to Worcester, Mass. and engaged in business. Here, on December 30, 1869, he was married to Belle Augusta Hearn, daughter of Pierce Hearn, a native of Worcester, Mass. In August, 1885, he left Worcester, Mass., and moved with his family (his wife, a son and a daughter) to Pittsburgh, and made his home on Duquesne Heights, in the Thirty-fifth Ward.

He commenced to attend Grace Church regularly in 1889, and to take an active part in all the efforts made to promote its interests. He was one of the organizers of Grace Church Guild, and served several years as a member of its executive committee, and afterwards became its president. He was one of the promoters of our parish paper, "Grace Church Record," and actively maintained it as long as it was published. At Easter, 1893, he was first elected a member of the vestry of Grace Church. This position he held several years, having acted most of the time as treasurer of the vestry. Mr. Johnson's interest in the affairs of the church and his prompt business habits made him a valuable member of the vestry, and won for him the high appreciation of his co-laborers in the parish. He moved from the parish in 1897, making his home in New Jersey, where he still is an active churchman.



GEORGE ABRAHAM JOHNSON.



THOMAS F. ASHFORD, SR.

THOMAS FRANCIS ASHFORD, SR.

Thomas Francis Ashford, descended from an old English family, the son of Thomas Francis and Georgiana Roberts Ashford, was born December 14, 1840, at 21 Tollington Park, Hornsey, London; was baptized in St. John's Church, Hornsey, and confirmed at Camblewell, London, by the Bishop of Winchester. He was educated at Rochester House, Camden Road, London, and was six years a member of the Honorary Horse Artillery Company of London. He came to the United States July 1, 1865, and after two years spent in Beaver County, Pa., settled in Pittsburgh in January, 1867, and followed the business of an accountant. He married, September 10, 1867, Mary Ann McGowan, of Pittsburgh, the Rev. William Preston, D. D., rector of St. Andrew's Church, officiating. He moved to Mount Washington March 31, 1883, and fixed his home on Virginia avenue and Kearsage street, and himself and family became members of Grace Church and regular worshipers at its services. He was elected a vestryman of Grace Church at Easter, 1889, which position he continued to hold, until his death, both himself and family being very active and helpful members of the parish. He died at his home, Bailey avenue and Ruth street, Sunday, January 15, 1899, and was buried from Grace Church on the 17th, his remains being interred in Chartiers Cemetery. He was a generous, noble soul, liberal to a fault, and was greatly beloved by a large circle of friends. *Dormiat henc.*

DR. ORIN W. SADLER.

Orwin W. Sadler, M. D., son of William Dexter and Nancy Sadler, was born at Brewerton, Onondaga County, N. Y., January 2, 1843. When three years old his parents moved to Millburn, Lake County, Ill., where they lived until the Doctor and his brother, Alphonso, grew up to manhood.

When eighteen years of age he became a member of the Disciple Church at Antioch, Ill., the religious body to which his parents belonged. He began the study of medicine in 1865, attending his first course

of lectures at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He completed his studies in the medical department of the Northwestern University of Chicago, from which institution he graduated in 1868.

He married in 1867 Emma Josephine Slocum, daughter of George W. and Rhoda Mantor Slocum, of Mantorville, Minn., whose father belonged to the family of Slocums of Providence, R. I. Mrs. Sadler, the Doctor's wife, is a Pennsylvanian by birth, as she was born at Linesville, Crawford County, Pa., before her parents moved to Minnesota. She was raised a Congregationalist by her mother, but became a communicant of the Episcopal Church at Mantorville under the ministrations of the Rev. Peter S. Ruth, who also officiated at her wedding.

The Doctor, after practicing medicine two years in Dodge County, Minn., moved with his family to Titusville, Pa., and devoted his attention to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat.

In 1874 he moved to Pittsburgh and continued to practice in his specialties. In 1881 he built a home on Grandview avenue, Mount Washington, and he and his family became members of Grace Church. The Doctor was confirmed in Grace Church by Bishop Whitehead April 6, 1890, and from that time was a regular communicant. He was elected a vestryman of Grace Church at Easter, 1884, and held that position until he removed from the parish, at Easter, 1894. He has four children, two sons and two daughters, all baptized into the Church—Lucy Belle by the rector of St. Peter's, and Orin W., Samuel S. and Mary Josephine by the rector of Grace Church—all of whom are residing with him at his home in Florida.



ORIN W. SADLER, M. D.



MELVILLE L. STOUT
IN CARE OF THE CHURCH



JOHN E. BOYCE



JOS. W. BOWMAN



GEO. H. BAKER
SR. WARDEN



REV. ROBT. JOHN COSTER
D.D.



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TRUSTEE



GEO. W. C. PURLEY



GEO. E. BRUSH

VESTRY 1903

RECTOR AND VESTRY OF GRACE CHURCH, 1903—BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES.

Rev. R. J. Coster, D. D., rector; George H. Baker, senior warden; Thomas J. Bigham, treasurer; John E. Boyce, Joseph William Bowman, George E. Brush, Edward C. Purkey; M. L. Stout, junior warden and secretary.

REV. ROBERT JOHN COSTER, D. D., RECTOR OF GRACE CHURCH, PITTSBURGH, PA.

The Rev. Robert John Coster, son of William and Jane Eliza (*nee* Wilkinson) Coster, was born near St. Leonards, Calvert County, Md.; was baptized and confirmed in Middleham Chapel, Calvert County, by Bishop Whittingham; educated in the College of St. James, near Hagerstown, Md., under Dr. John Barrett Kerfoot (afterward Bishop of Pittsburgh), receiving the degree A. B. in 1862; was made deacon in 1863 and priest in 1866 by Bishop Whittingham; was principal of the Grammar School of the College of St. James, 1862-64; taught a private school in Annapolis, Md., 1864-65, under the patronage of Governor Bradford and the Hon. Judge Tuck; received the degree M. A. from Trinity College, Hartford, in 1868, and the degree D. D. from the Western University of Pennsylvania in 1897. He was married in St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, by the Rev. Milo Mahan, D. D., April 3, 1866, to Helena Marie Wardenburg, daughter of William Augustus and Maria (Price) Wardenburg, of Baltimore; moved to Pittsburgh and became the rector of the Bishop Bowman Institute in 1866, and the rector of Grace Church, Pittsburgh, in 1868; was secretary of the Convention of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, 1868-1888; he has been a member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese since 1874, and president of the same since 1891. He spent the summers of 1878 and 1881 in Europe, Mrs. Coster accompanying him on his second trip.

GEORGE H. BAKER, SENIOR WARDEN.

George H. Baker was born of English parents, in Mount Savage, Md., in 1856; was confirmed in Emmanuel Church, Cumberland, by Bishop Pinckney;

was educated in the public schools of his native place; is by occupation a contractor for brick work. He was married in Johnstown, Pa., in 1882, to Viola Barclay; came to Pittsburgh the same year and united himself to St. Mark's Church, South Side, where he served for four years as vestryman and treasurer of the church. In 1897 he moved to Mount Washington and became a member of Grace Church. At Easter, 1900, he was elected a vestryman of Grace Church, and has served in that office continuously since that time. He was a deputy to the Diocesan Convention in 1902, and again in 1903. He is at present (1903) senior warden, and has been a Sunday School teacher and assistant superintendent of the Sunday School for the last five years.

THOMAS J. BIGHAM, TREASURER.

Thomas James Bigham, son of Joel L. and Sarah Bigham and grandson of the late Hon. Thomas J. Bigham, of Pittsburgh, was born in Pittsburgh March 23, 1875. He was baptized by the Rev. W. R. Mackay, in St. Peter's, and confirmed in Grace Church by Bishop Whitehead on Good Friday, 1896. He was married July 11, 1899, in Grace Church, by the Rev. Dr. Coster, to Ida, the daughter of Robert and Mary Newell. He was for several years employed as a clerk in the city auditor's office, and at present is engaged as a special representative in Pittsburgh of the American Finance and Securities Company of New York. He has been engaged in Sunday School work about ten years, and has been superintendent of Grace Church Sunday School since Advent, 1900. He was elected vestryman at Easter, 1897, and has served continuously since, having been senior warden, 1902-03, and treasurer from 1897 to the present time.

JOHN E. BOYCE.

John E. Boyce was born of English parents, at Tipton, Staffordshire, England, April 16, 1866; was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Hutton, in St. Paul's Church, Tipton. He attended St. Paul's Grammar School, Tipton, until he was fourteen years old. His family then moved to London, where he sang for four years in the choir of St. George's Church. In London he learned the business of window dressing, which occupation he still follows. He came to America in

1884 and was married in Trinity Church in 1885, in New Castle, Pa., to Harriett Jane Whitehead, by the Rev. J. D. Herron. He moved to Pittsburgh in 1889, made his home on Mount Washington, and began to attend Grace Church, where he was confirmed by Bishop Whitehead in 1889. He began to sing in Grace Church choir the same year, and has served as a vestryman of the church since Easter, 1901.

Mr. Boyce comes from an old family of English Church people, his parents, his grandparents and his great-grandparents having all been baptized, confirmed and married in Dudley Lower Church, in Worcestershire, England.

JOSEPH WILLIAM BOWMAN.

Joseph William Bowman was born of English parents, in Danville, Pa., November 24, 1859. He was baptized by the Rev. Edwin Lightner, in the Episcopal Church in Danville, and at the age of sixteen was confirmed in the same church by Bishop Stevens, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. He received a common school education, and learned the trade of iron worker in the mills in Danville. He was married in his native town to Miss Clara A. Shepperson January 7, 1882, and in 1889 moved to Pittsburgh and made his home on Mount Washington, and he and his family became members of Grace Church. He worked in the iron mills of Pittsburgh for three years, and then, in 1892, began the manufacture of iron and steel articles, in which business he is engaged at the present time. Mr. Bowman became a vestryman of Grace Church at Easter, 1903.

GEORGE E. BRUSH.

George E. Brush was born in Philadelphia, Pa., July 19, 1861. He received his education in the public schools of that city, and afterwards took a course of instruction in Fewsmiths' Business College. He attended Sunday School at the Church of the Good Shepherd, and at the age of eighteen was confirmed in the same church, by Bishop Stevens. He was a member of the choir of the Good Shepherd for seven years, and also taught a class of boys in the Sunday School. Through a change in the place of his residence, he connected himself with St. Simeon's Mission, Philadelphia, where he sang in the choir for

several years, and helped with his own hands to build the first church of the mission by working at night. He came to Pittsburgh in 1889, and is engaged here in the business of pattern and model maker, under the firm name of The Brush & Stevens Co. In the winter of 1902 he became a member of Grace Church choir, and at Easter of the same year he was elected a vestryman of the church, to which office he was re-elected in 1903.

EDWARD CHRISTOPHER PURKEY.

Edward Christopher Purkey was born in Allegheny City, Pa., December 14, 1863, and was baptized in Christ Church, Allegheny, by the Rev. Dr. Crumpton. He received his education in the Fourth Ward public school of his native place. He was married in Emmanuel Church, Allegheny, by the Rev. Marrison Byllesby, April 24, 1884, to Miss Amanda McCush, and was confirmed in Grace Church, Pittsburgh, by Bishop Whitehead, on Palm Sunday, March 25, 1888.

Mr. Purkey resides at 1302 Grandview avenue, Duquesne Heights, and is by occupation a worker in light structural iron and metal lathing as applied to modern fireproof buildings. He has been a vestryman of Grace Church since Easter, 1902.

MELVILLE L. STOUT, JUNIOR WARDEN AND SECRETARY OF VESTRY.

Melville L. Stout was born in Norristown, Pa., June 2, 1849. He received a common school education in his native place. He moved to Pittsburgh in 1869 and became a music pupil of Prof. H. Rohbuck, who was at that time one of the best instructors on the organ and piano in the city. In 1870 Mr. Stout became organist of Grace Church, and soon thereafter moved to Mount Washington, where he has since resided. He was confirmed in Grace Church, by Bishop Kerfoot, December 28, 1873, and has from that date been a regular communicant. He was married April 7, 1885, to Mary J. Bigham, the eldest daughter of the Hon. Thomas J. Bigham, of Pittsburgh. Mr. Stout is by occupation an accountant and secretary, and for a number of years has held an important position of trust. He is an amateur photographer of great skill, and has furnished several



HENRY WASHINGTON NEELY.

of the pictures used in illustrating this History of Grace Church. He has served several times as organist of the church, the period of his combined services amounting to about fifteen years. Mr. Stout was elected a vestryman in 1893, and is at present secretary of the vestry and junior warden of the parish.

HENRY WASHINGTON NEELY,

For several years superintendent of the Sunday School and vestryman and warden of Grace Church.

Henry Washington Neely, son of Robert and Jane Neely, was born on the South Side, Pittsburgh, February 22, 1864. His parents moved to Mount Washington, Thirty-second Ward, the same year. He received his education in the public schools of Pittsburgh, having attended for several years at the old frame schoolhouse which stood on the corner of Sycamore and Stanwix streets until 1901, when it was torn down and the site covered with dwelling houses. He was confirmed in Grace Church, by Bishop Whitehead, on Palm Sunday, March 25, 1888. He was married to Mary Magdalena Stinson, in Grace Church, by the Rev. R. J. Coster, on September 6, 1888.

In the spring of 1897 Mr. Neely became superintendent of Grace Church Sunday School, as successor to the late John C. Shaler, Jr., and filled the position with great acceptability to teachers and scholars. He thus became a very useful worker in the Sunday School which he himself attended when a boy, and which his father and mother also had attended in early life.

He was elected vestryman in 1896; he served as junior warden for five years, 1897-1901, and was also deputy to our Diocesan Convention for several years.

Mr. Neely has been engaged in the dry goods business from his youth, and is at present vice-president and general manager of the Pittsburgh Dry Goods Company, the largest house of its kind between New York and Chicago. In March, 1902, Mr. Neely moved from Mount Washington to the East End, Pittsburgh, and thereby severed his connection with Grace Church parish.

GRACE CHURCH GUILD.

The first organization exclusively of laymen in the parish was the result of a meeting called by the rector, the Rev. R. J. Coster, during the autumn of 1887. On the evening of November 14, the following gentlemen met with the Rev. Mr. Coster in the Sunday School room of the church, namely:

Thomas F. Ashford, Jr.	Julian Maddox.
John Bindley.	Edward C. Purkey.
Thomas G. Bond.	Lewis C. Purkey.
William L. Bond.	John C. Shaler.
James Chamberlin.	E. Conway Shaler.
Herbert A. Davis.	Oliver H. Stinson.
Thomas Jones.	M. L. Stout.

John Williams.

With the Rev. Mr. Coster in the chair, temporary organization was effected by electing John C. Shaler president, James Chamberlin secretary, and Oliver H. Stinson treasurer. These officers, with the addition of Mr. John Bindley, were named a committee to draft Canons for the government of the society.

A second meeting was held in the Sunday School room November 28. Mr. Coster presided, and the following gentlemen were present:

Thomas F. Ashford, Sr.	John J. Lowe.
Thomas F. Ashford, Jr.	John S. McMillin.
John Bindley.	William Maltby.
Kirk Q. Bigham.	Lewis C. Purkey.
James Chamberlin.	O. W. Sadler, M. D.
Herbert A. Davis.	John C. Shaler.
William Halpin, Jr.	Oliver H. Stinson.
Henry James.	William Singer.
Thomas Jones.	William Speer.

John Williams.

At this meeting the name Grace Church Guild was adopted, and Canons for the government of the guild approved. The Canons provided for a vice-president in addition to the officers elected at the first meeting, and for an executive committee of five members, to act and advise with said officers.

O. W. Sadler, M. D., was elected first vice-president, and Albion Bindley, William P. Linhart, Lewis C. Purkey, M. L. Stout and Thomas F. Ashford, Sr., were elected as executive committee.

A copy of the Canons is here inserted to show the aims of the Guild and the scope of its work.

CANONS OF GRACE CHURCH GUILD.

ADOPTED NOVEMBER 28, 1887.

CANON I.

Name.

The name of this society shall be GRACE CHURCH GUILD.

CANON II.

Principles.

SECTION 1. We declare our loyalty to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

SEC. 2. We pledge ourselves to work for the Church, under the guidance and with the approval of our Rector.

SEC. 3. We unite together as a band of lay helpers, for the following objects:

First. To promote public worship.

Second. To encourage intercessary prayer.

Third. For the purpose of Church work.

CANON III.

Worship.

SEC. 1. We will come regularly to public worship, and join heartily in the service.

SEC. 2. We will endeavor to induce others to attend church.

CANON IV.

Intercession.

SEC. 1. We will pray for our Rector and the work of the parish.

SEC. 2. We will pray for our Bishop and the work of the Diocese.

SEC. 3. We will pray for the extension of Christ's Kingdom among all men.

CANON V.

Work.

SEC. 1. We will give for the support of the Gospel according to our ability.

SEC. 2. We will do some special work for Christ's sake, particularly such as shall be assigned to us by the Guild.

SEC. 3. We will endeavor by precept and example to commend the Gospel to men and interest them in Church work.

CANON VI.

Membership.

The membership shall consist of all males of the age of 15 years and upward who attend the services of the Church.

CANON VII.

Officers.

SEC. 1. The Rector shall be *ex officio* chairman of the Guild, and may preside when he is present at its meetings.

SEC. 2. There shall be elected annually a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and five persons to act as an executive committee, who shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

CANON VIII.

Duties of Officers.

SEC. 1. The President shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the Rector and perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

SEC. 2. The Vice-President, in the absence of the President, shall perform all the duties of the President.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall keep correct minutes of the meetings and attend to all correspondence relating to the business of the Guild; send out notices of meetings to the members; receive all dues and other moneys belonging to the Guild and turn the same over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor, and at the end of his term surrender all books and papers in his possession, belonging to the Guild, to his successor in office.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall keep a correct account of all money that comes into his hands as Treasurer; pay all warrants drawn by the President and counter-

signed by the Secretary; render an account quarterly, and at the end of his term surrender all cash, books and papers in his possession, belonging to the Guild, to his successor in office.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall act as a council of advice to the Guild, and audit all accounts of its officers, and, together with them, devise ways and means for carrying on the work of the Guild.

CANON IX.

Meetings and Dues.

SEC. 1. The regular meetings of the Guild shall be held on the second Monday of each month, at 8 o'clock P. M., and the members present shall constitute a quorum for transacting business.

SEC. 2. The annual meeting, for hearing the reports of Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Committee, and for the election of officers to serve for the ensuing year, shall be held at the first regular meeting in Advent.

SEC. 3 Each member of the Guild shall pay into the Treasury as dues at least one dollar per year, which shall be due and payable quarterly in advance at the regular meetings in December, March, June and September.

CANON X

Provided for amendments to the Canons.

The Ladies' Mite Society had been recognized for years as the promoter and leader of the parish energies; therefore, the guild believed it should become a co-operating body, by undertaking that part of the parish work that should naturally be assumed by the men. It kept in touch with the vestry and assisted with the revenues; it appointed from among its members persons to act as ushers; it sought out and invited boys into the vested choir; it attended to extra seating and comfort of the large congregations incident to the Bishop's visitations or special services; it became responsible for the annual picnic, excursions, etc., for the Sunday School children and church people, and during several seasons provided courses of lectures. One of the most important and valuable objects undertaken by the guild was the publication quarterly for several years of the parish paper, "Grace Church Record."

During 1892, by reason of removals and changes of employment, several of the leading members withdrew from active participation in the business of the guild; meetings grew irregular and finally ceased, and the publication of the "Record" was suspended. Later on most of the young men assisted in the organization of another guild, the Coster Guild, having a membership made up of both sexes, which largely took the place and performed the duties undertaken by the former guild. It is cause for much regret that these failures in parish organization occur; but the experience is not unusual in other parishes or among kindred organizations in other Christian bodies.

The offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer were filled during the life of the guild as follows:

<i>President,</i>	John C. Shaler,	1887-1890
	Thomas F. Ashford, Sr.,	1890-1891
	George A. Johnson,	1891-1892
<i>Vice-President,</i>	O. W. Sadler,	1887-1888
	Thomas F. Ashford, Sr,	1888-1890
	Thomas Jones,	1890-1891
	William L. Bond,	1891-1892
	Percy G. Whaley,	1892-
	Percy G. Whaley,	1892-
<i>Secretary,</i>	James Chamberlin,	*1887-1888
	Edward C. Purkey,	†1888-1888
	A. Tilson Dalzell,	1888-1890
	George A. Johnson,	1890-1891
	Robert W. Revelvy,	1891-1892
	Harry Bowman,	1892-
<i>Treasurer,</i>	Oliver W. Stinson,	1887-1888
	Joseph F. Bollman,	1888-1892
	Thomas F. Ashford, Jr.,	1892-

* From November, 1887, to April, 1888.

† From April, 1888, to November, 1888.

THE COSTER GUILD OF GRACE CHURCH.

The Coster Guild was organized November 2, 1893, and largely took the place of the former guild, the active life of which ceased in 1892. Grace Church Guild was composed of men only, while the Coster Guild included also women among its members. The first officers of the Coster Guild were:

President, G. P. Whaley; Vice-Presidents, Miss Ardella Armstrong and Miss Ida Newell; Secretary, Ernest W. Marland, and Treasurer, Samuel H. Kenah.

In 1895 the membership was as follows:

Miss Ardella Armstrong.	Miss ——— Martel.
Miss Cora Bowman.	Miss Mabel McCormick.
Mr. Victor Benbow.	Mr. John McCaskey.
Miss Lida Bigham.	Mr. Lewis McKain.
Mr. K. Q. Bigham.	Miss Ida Newell.
Mr. T. J. Bigham.	Mr. G. C. Park.
Mr. F. S. Bond.	Miss Mildred Phillips.
Miss Madge Florence.	Mr. Joseph N. Reeves.
Mrs. I. Harper.	Miss Clara Small.
Mr. William Hoffman.	Miss Florence Speer.
Mr. G. F. Johnson.	Mr. William D. Shaler.
Miss Ethel Johnson.	Mr. A. Speer.
Mr. Samuel H. Kenah.	Mr. Frank Slocum.
Mr. William D. Kenah.	Mrs. Frank Slocum.
Miss Lottie Marland.	Mr. Robert Torrence.
Mr. Ernest W. Marland.	Mr. Oliver Torrence.
Mr. Andrew Martell.	Miss Elizabeth Torrence.
Mr. Tanner.	

The officers in 1895, were:

President, Frank S. Bond; Vice-Presidents, Miss Ida Newell and Miss Clara Small; Secretary, Thomas J. Bigham; Treasurer, Samuel H. Kenah.

The officers elected November 12, 1901, were:

President, Joseph N. Reeves; Vice-Presidents, William Thompson and Joseph E. Ashford; Secretary, Thomas J. Bigham, Treasurer, George H. Baker.

After seven years of much usefulness in the parish, meetings were suspended December 10, 1901.

HISTORY OF THE FOUNDING OF GRACE CHURCH PARISH, MOUNT WASHINGTON.

By HON. THOMAS J. BIGHAM.

(Read before the Mite Society, October, 1883.)

About a year since the Rev. Richard Smith, registrar of this diocese, issued a circular to each clergyman asking for a history of his church. The Rev. R. J. Coster, our rector, passed this over to me, asking me to fill out answers to this circular. At a meeting of our own vestry, at which I was not present, action was had as indicated by the following letter:

Pittsburgh, June 6, 1883.

DEAR MR. BIGHAM:

At the vestry meeting last evening the following resolution was adopted: "That the Hon. T. J. Bigham be requested to write a detailed history of Grace Church and read same before the Mite Society at as early a date as may be convenient, and that afterwards this history shall be filed with and become part of the archives of the church."

We believe that such a paper will be of great interest to all the members of our congregation, and feel sure that you are the only person among us who has the requisite information and access to the data, or that is competent to prepare such a paper.

Very respectfully, etc.,

JNO. C. SHALER, JR.,
Secretary.

And now I find, if ever I attempt to answer these calls, I must begin.

In the spring of 1849, thirty-four years ago, I had made a contract to build my present residence and otherwise to improve my wife's property in what was then St. Clair Township, Allegheny County, now Thirty-second Ward, city of Pittsburgh. In order to enable me to superintend these improvements, I engaged boarding for myself, wife and son Joel, then some 18 months old, with George Chivers, on Virginia avenue.

Mrs. Bigham was very anxious to get up a Sunday School, as prior to that time no organization had existed for the religious education of what are now the Hill wards of the South Side, city of Pittsburgh. On consultation with the Rev. William Passavant, a lifelong friend, he recommended a student of theology in his own church, the Lutheran. Mrs. Bigham engaged to pay him a salary for one year to aid in establishing a Sunday School. The German population of that day composed probably a still greater percentage of the Hill residents than even now. Although accidental, this, therefore, was a wise selection. I procured the use of the public schoolhouse, on the corner of Sycamore and Spring (now Stanwix) streets, as a place of meeting.

The first meeting was held on the afternoon of June 13, 1849, being, in church language, the first Sunday after Trinity. The Sunday School continued to meet in that room for over four years, until Grace Church was completed. Since it has been held in that building, the earlier part of the time in the body of the church, and the later time in the basement, or what is known as the Sunday School room. This basement was not originally finished as it now is, having been added very much later.

The Sunday School during the first and second years of its existence was the only one on the Hill, and probably was larger than it has been since. The population of the Thirty-second and Thirty-fifth Wards was certainly not one-fifth, perhaps not one-tenth, of what it now is, but then nearly all the children attended Sunday School. The children of Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, Lutherans, and even a large number of Roman Catholics, attended, and I think it highly creditable to the liberal spirit of the school that I never heard of any children being driven away by sectarian teaching.

I will here explain one thing that may seem inconsistent with this last remark. The winter of 1851, the second winter after the opening of the school, I was a member of the Legislature and Mrs. Bigham accompanied me to Harrisburg during the session. I had been recognized as superintendent of the school. Mr. Cuthbert was one of the teachers, and I was accustomed to invite him to talk to the children, even

more frequently than I talked to them myself. Mrs. Bigham had the Bible class of young women, but before leaving procured Mr. Ringwalt to take charge of her class during her absence.

We had been using a liturgy for the opening and closing of school, and Mrs. Bigham probably requested Mr. Ringwalt to see this used during our absence. Mr. Cuthbert was a Presbyterian, but as he taught in the school, he had expected to act as superintendent himself and did not approve of this. He objected to Mr. Ringwalt's insisting upon the use of the liturgy, and before our return had withdrawn from the school. He opened a school in the spring of 1851 on the Presbyterian plan, without a liturgy. Had I still continued to act as superintendent, the withdrawal would not probably have taken place just then. Yet I am satisfied it was only a question of time. The Presbyterian bees would have swarmed ere long.

This sketch of the Sunday School is only preliminary to the organization of Grace Church. We had occasional services, as often as we could procure the attendance of an Episcopal clergyman, in the public schoolhouse in 1849-50-51.

On the 22d of October, 1851, in pursuance of public notice, a meeting was held at the schoolhouse, and after church service the Rev. William H. Paddock, a missionary of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, who had been giving occasional services, presided, A. Kirk Lewis acted as secretary, and a formal organization of a congregation was made according to the regulations of the Episcopal Church. Seven persons were elected as a vestry and two of them as wardens, namely, Thomas J. Bigham, senior warden; Alexander Rowland, junior warden; George Lowen, William Adams, Richard Stubbs, Benjamin Stubbs, A. Kirk Lewis, vestry; all of whom are now gone except myself and George Lowen. A charter was adopted and an application to the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County ordered to be made for the same, which was finally granted on the 26th of April, 1852, and ordered to be recorded. (See proceedings recorded in Parish Register in handwriting of A. Kirk Lewis, deceased, then clerk of the first vestry.)

My recollection is that the vestry referred the naming of the church to Mrs. Bigham, on the principle that the mother has the best right to name the child, and she choose the name "Grace Church," which was adopted. She in fact paid about three-fourths of the cost of the original church building.

After the organization of the church, the Sunday School and church services continued as before, in the schoolhouse, until in January, 1852, at which time the Rev. Joseph A. Stone, a missionary of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, took charge and devoted his time primarily to Grace Church, although giving attention also to the other infant congregations in the southern part of our county. I had made a deed to the vestry for the lot, 84 feet in front by 200 feet in depth, at the corner of Sycamore and Bertha streets, on which the church now stands.

We had a contract for the erection of the present church building at a price named in the contract as \$2,000, but a number of things were not specifically provided for, and, as it turned out, these had to be paid for as extras, so that the entire cost of the church building as completed in the fall of 1853 somewhat exceeded \$3,000. The corner stone had been laid April 3, 1852.

Mr. Stone lived in my family and spent a good deal of his time during his 18 months' service with the workmen at the church, and, as was alleged on final settlement, gave sundry directions in regard to the work which it was claimed gave the contractor the right to charge extra. The contractor filed a mechanic's lien against the building for \$2,600. A defense was made to the claim for extras, and the matter was referred to two mechanics, who finally allowed \$2,242.78 and the costs, \$63.22, making the whole amount paid \$2,306. I will at a later period give a more detailed statement of the cost and how it was paid. (See page 10.)

Mr. Stone having resigned after 18 months' service, the Rev. John G. Furey, another missionary of the diocese, took charge of this congregation on June 1, 1853, and remained for nearly a year. During his pastorate the church building was finally completed, and the first service in it was held on the 18th of September, 1853, with a sermon by the Rev. N. E. Cornwell, rector of St. Andrew's Church, Pittsburgh.

The Sunday School was also removed and met in the body of the church, no basement then existing. Mr. Furey was a married man; lived in the village, and mixed more with the people than his predecessor had done. He resigned, however, in 1854, and returned to Philadelphia.

The Rev. Richard Smith, an elderly man, was next called, and for two years had charge of the congregation. He lived in town, and, as we then had no inclined plane to the Hill, he could not always attend during the winter season. I took charge of the Sunday School, and in his absence we had lay reading. He resigned in the spring of 1856 (April 24th), in consequence of general debility, and during the summer we had occasional clerical services and in the intervals lay reading. (Rev. J. S. B. Hodges, assistant at Trinity Church at that time, gave occasional services.)

In December, 1856, the vestry called the Rev. Charles W. Quick, rector of St. Andrew's, Pittsburgh, and also Superintendent of the Common Schools of Allegheny County. Mr. Quick could, of course, give us but one service on Sunday, and this was generally in the evening. So far as preaching was concerned, he served us faithfully, but he could scarcely be considered a representative clergyman of the Episcopal Church, as he himself frankly admitted that hardly five per cent of his brother clergymen agreed with him fully in his doctrinal system. In fact, he was accustomed to say that he did not believe a much larger percentage of his clerical brethren recognized the Westminster Confession of faith as their standard and taught its doctrines from their pulpits. Mr. Quick's belief in Calvinism was a little stronger than Bishop Berkly's, who, when interrogated on the subject, replied: "Well, to give the devil his due, John Calvin was a great man." Our Church very wisely, as I believe, tolerates almost any variety of sentiment on these subjects upon which exact uniformity cannot be expected. Only a very small portion of her members, however, entertain what are recognized as Calvinistic views. Mr. Quick has since withdrawn from our communion and joined the Reformed Episcopal Church. He filled our pulpit for about two years and a half.

After a vacancy of a few months, the Rev. Jubal Hodges, of St. Mark's, Birmingham, took charge of Grace Church and officiated once on each Sunday, usually in the afternoon.

My recollection does not serve as to the length of his pastorate; I think less than two years.

For about ten years after the church was built the main body of the building was occupied for the Sunday School as well as for the church services. It was found that the pews occupied by the Sunday School classes, especially in bad weather, were not in good condition for kneeling at church services. Ladies, who generally composed a majority of our worshippers, being fastidious about their dresses, as most ladies are, objected to kneeling at prayers. Mrs. E. M. Ebbs, a cousin of Mrs. Bigham, a wealthy churchwoman and largely interested in real estate on the Hill, proposed to aid in providing a separate building for the Sunday School. By excavating a basement and raising the church floor some four feet, an excellent Sunday School room was obtained, rather larger than the original church building. This has not only accommodated the Sunday School and general church meetings, but has also afforded a comfortable room for church fairs and entertainments, hitherto indispensable to the revenues of the church. The cost of this addition nearly doubled the original cost of the church, but greatly added to its usefulness.

During the period in which these improvements were going on the sessions of the Sunday School and church services were suspended, and this was the only suspension of the Sunday School during the early years. In later times we have followed the custom of city churches and adjourned in July and August, but this was not the rule in our earlier days.

The excitement of the Rebellion rendered it difficult to supply our pulpit during war times, and we accepted the services of two missionaries appointed primarily for St. Luke's, Chartiers. The first of these was the Rev. Gustavus William Mayer, a gentleman in deacon orders. We furnished him a horse and he attended to both parishes. He was a German by birth and education and had not been accustomed to our ritual. He was, however, a schol-

arly man and earnest in the discharge of his duties. During his pastorate services were held in the German language at intervals, in addition to the regular English service. After about two years he resigned and accepted an appointment from the Committee on Domestic Missions to a station in the far West. I have seen his name in the church paper from time to time, and believe he is still on duty out there.

The Pennsylvania Missionary Committee next sent a young gentleman with only a license as a lay reader to St. Luke's, named Feltwell. His time was almost entirely given to that parish, but he read service perhaps a dozen times at Grace Church. He was an active, earnest man; had been brought up in the Methodist Church, and attached little importance to ordination to deacon's or priest's orders. He consulted me once about the baptism of the children of two families in St. Luke's not heretofore belonging to the Episcopal Church. I advised him that his license as lay reader did not warrant his administering baptism, but to make arrangements for a weekday service and I would take out Dr. Van Dusen, who had generously offered to go whenever called upon. I afterwards learned that Mr. Feltwell had baptized these children. This was entirely irregular. Some clergymen would advise to rebaptize in such a case, although others hold that subsequent confirmation by the Bishop cures the irregularity.

Mr. Feltwell was afterwards announced as a clergyman of our Church who had joined the Reformed Episcopal Church. This was untrue. So far as ever I was informed, he never held anything but a license from our Bishop as a lay reader. Bishop Cheney's organization, I apprehend, was very lax on the subject of orders and admitted to the ranks of its clergy all applicants, however irregular, and Mr. Feltwell in his new connection probably found his orders quite as regular as those of half his brethren.

About the close of the Rebellion a new project was proposed that it was hoped would have afforded a rector on a new and permanent basis. Dr. Killikelly, an aged clergyman of our Church, had two daughters who were fully competent to take charge of a parish

school and also to teach music, and it was proposed to have him and his family come and establish a school in connection with the parish. I did not myself believe the scheme practicable, because we had not scholars enough to support a parish school among our own people. The residents of the rural districts were then crazy for magnificent school-houses, each to surpass those in the old city. They wanted ten or fifteen rooms in which to classify the children. This improved education was the fashionable topic then, and it was impossible to arouse any interest in private or parish schools. That project failed. Dr. Killikelly did not remove his family to the parish, and was himself entirely too aged to undertake the double duties of school-teacher and rector. He, however, took charge of the parish, labored among us for a year, and then resigned.

This brings us nearly to our present régime, with which you all are familiar, of course, and nearly finishes my sketch, although only covering about half the period of Grace Church's existence. In 1866 the Rev. R. J. Coster took charge of the Bishop Bowman Institute in Pittsburgh, and at Easter of 1868, over fifteen years since, he became our rector. The present arrangement is much the best we have ever had. Not the best possible, if only we were able to employ Mr. Coster's full time and he had no school on hand. This of course would be an improvement, but until that time comes we cannot be better served. Mr. Coster, as you all know, gives us regular services every Sunday morning. He administers the communion regularly. He also takes charge of the Sunday School, which was never done by any of our former rectors or missionaries. He is always ready to baptize the children, marry the young people, attend upon the sick and bury the dead. He cannot, of course, spend as much time in the congregation as if he had not his school duties; yet in every emergency he has been ever ready to discharge all clerical duties, and has always done far more than we have any right to expect for the meager salary we pay him.

And now, in conclusion, permit me to add a word of commendation for our rector. In the 15 years of his service I have never heard him utter a word of

complaint. Your parish has never been so faithfully served. He is entirely unselfish. In all the relations of life he has shown himself to be a perfect gentleman in its highest sense.

I had intended to state my recollection of the cost of the church and its maintenance, and by whom paid, in our earlier history, but refrain, fearful lest my recollection might fail and injustice be done by omitting some equally deserving as those mentioned.

I have approximated in regard to the original cost and main improvement of the Sunday School room. (See page 18.) In later times the Ladies' Mite Society, under the lead of Mrs. Coster, Mrs. McMillin, and others, have been the active agents in defraying the expense of repairs to the church and procuring an organ. I have not been personally cognizant of these, but believe the amounts approximate \$1,500. John C. Shaler, Jr., has recently made a report to the vestry which is better authority than any statement I could give. Our rector makes an annual statement of church expenditures and contributions, which are published in the Journal. The last one now before me shows an aggregate of \$1,064.77.

Mrs. Maria Adams, a member of the congregation, at her death, in 1879, left a small legacy of \$50 to the church. Mr. Marland, thinking that every congregation should have a reserve fund, proposed to treat this as the beginning and sort of nest-egg of a future endowment fund. This year we received a distributive share of a legacy of George M. Jackson, deceased. These moneys are invested in the Dollar Savings Bank, under the name of the Maria Adams Endowment Fund, and with additions amount now to about \$420. The vestry invite annual contributions on the first Sunday of Advent of each year, to be added to this deposit, hoping that in the future it may become a source of revenue to the church. Any member of the church may during his life or at his death make additions to this fund.

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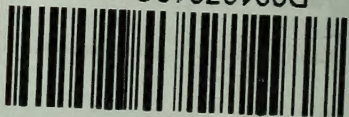
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